



Motorists react to introduction of fees at beauty spot

# PARKING CHARGES COME INTO FORCE

BY DAVID COSGROVE

**PARKING** charges at Chasewater Country Park will come into force next week, council bosses have confirmed.

From the middle of next week it will cost £1 for two hours or £3 a day to park at the beauty spot.

Annual passes costing £36 will be available – working out at 9p per day.

The introduction of the fees has met a mixed reaction from visitors, with some saying they will 'happily pay' and others calling the introduction of parking charges 'a sad day'.

Nikki White said: "I will happily pay. It's a beautiful, well kept place and that is down to the staff and rangers."

"I live within walking distance but regularly drive to take the dog or kids' bikes. Let's face it, it's pennies they're asking for. If you don't want to pay, don't go. Quite simple really!"

Tom Glibbery also backed the move, saying: "I think Chasewater is a wonderful resource and well worth £36 a year, especially if the money is all retained by Chasewater for maintenance." Emma Trow added: "At the end of the day Chasewater is council owned and run."

## Car

"Councils are cutting back on everything but places like Chasewater are hit the hardest because they are classed as non-priority compared to other sectors. So it's either you don't pay to park and it turns into a wasteland because no-one will be there to run it and take care of it, or you pay a small fee to park to keep it nice and open for everyone to use still. I know which one I'd rather have!"

However, Justine Russell was disappointed with the charges, saying: "So sad there's not many places you can just turn up, park and enjoy, and now you've done the same to Chasewater. Sad day."

The plan for the charges was unveiled last year as the latest part of Staffordshire County Council's countryside estates review which aims to cut £700,000 from its allocated £1.5 million annual budget.

A Chasewater statement said people will be charged to park from 8am to 6pm, adding: "From midweek next week (commencing May 21) the car parking machines are being commissioned into service."

## RUBBER AND WOOD ON FIRE AT RECYCLING CENTRE



Firefighters tackle the blaze in Great Wyrley Picture: Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service

FIREFIGHTERS have been tackling a blaze after piles of rubber and wood went up in flames at a recycling centre in Great Wyrley.

The fire broke out at the site in Hazel Lane just before 1pm on Monday.

Crews from Cannock fire station and another from Bloxwich fire station were called to the scene.

They used a compressed air foam system to

extinguish the fire and were still at the scene dealing with the incident hours later.

A Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service spokesperson said: "It is at a recycling premises and the fire is believed to involve wood and rubber products." It is not yet known how it started.

Elsewhere, firefighters spent 24 hours tackling a 'deliberate' large fire at Gentleshaw

Common. Fire crews were called to reports of a blaze at about 2.20pm on Sunday and throughout the afternoon. It was brought under control by 5.30pm.

Firefighters then continued to monitor the area for potential 'hotspots' throughout the night.

They remained at the incident until 2.30pm the following day.

## RETAIL

### Vow to push ahead with outlet village

A COUNCIL leader has vowed to push on with a new £160 million outlet village following election success – and plans are being looked at for an engineering college.

Cannock Chase Council leader George Adamson said the retail scheme is a key priority for the district.

Labour maintained its grip of the council during the recent local elections, and now Councillor Adamson has said bosses are keen to push on with work at the complex.

He said: "We are looking forward to it opening in 2020."

"We are also looking to set up an engineering college as soon as we can. We have a lack of certain skills in the area."

## MEMORIAL

### Campaign to bring mining wheel home

A CAMPAIGN to raise £100,000 towards returning an iconic mining wheel back to the former Littleton Colliery site 25 years after the pit closed has been launched.

Huntington Parish Council is appealing for donations to support the Huntington Memorial Garden project, which will see the huge wheel relocated to the centre of the village.

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## ACCIDENT

### A5 is blocked by three-car crash

THREE cars were involved in a crash on the A5 in Staffordshire.

Police were called to the junction of the A5 and Claygates Lane at Gailey, at 10.10am on Saturday. The road was blocked for more than an hour.

Andy Malone, a spokesman for Staffordshire Police, said: "There were no injuries to anyone involved."

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### GAZZA GETS CROWD GOING



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# Duck with hook through beak is rescued



The injured duck is recovering from its ordeal

A DUCK was rescued by the RSPCA after being found with a hook through its beak.

The white domestic duck, which was discovered on April 21, was the second to be injured on a pond in Hednesford.

A member of the public spotted the duck's plight and called the RSPCA, and animal collection officer (ACO) Catherine Strawford rescued the injured creature.

It is believed a group of four ducks were abandoned in the area. One was rescued from fish-

ing litter by the animal charity and is now recovering.

A second, who also suffered fishing litter injuries, was sadly put to sleep.

ACO Strawford is still trying to locate the other two to bring them to safety.

She said: "The duck was very lethargic and trapped in fishing line in the middle of the pond. It was very distressed and desperately trying to get free."

"Eventually I retrieved the duck and removed the fishing

line, and the hook which was in the bottom part of its beak.

"There were also some injuries to its wings where it had been trying to break free."

"The duck is now recovering at the RSPCA Stapeley Grange wildlife centre where it will receive some much-needed care and can later be rehomed."

Anyone with information on how the ducks came to be abandoned is asked to call the inspector appeal line on 0300 123 8018.

# Work under way on homes at factory site

**WORK has started in preparation for more than 100 new homes on an old factory site in Bridgtown.**

Representatives from Homes England and Cannock Chase Council were at the site in Walkmill Lane on Friday to mark the start of the work by contractor CPUK Civils and Remediation.

Homes England secured planning permission last month to bring the derelict site back into use to provide 116 homes, including 20 per cent provided as affordable housing, as well as associated infrastructure and public open space.

The site was home to a Parker Hannifin manufacturing facility until 2000 and has remained vacant since. The access in Walkmill Lane will be retained and an additional access at Vine Lane will also be provided.

Karl Tupling, general manager for the Midlands at Homes England, said: "We use our land, finance and expertise to speed up the delivery of new homes."

## Progressing

"We're really pleased to be helping bring this local site back into use to provide 116 new homes and help local people in Cannock to have access to a home of their own," he added.

Councillor Frank Allen, housing portfolio leader for Cannock Chase Council, said: "I am delighted that the council are progressing with this scheme with Homes England, and bringing a derelict site back into use. This will bring more and better housing for people in Cannock Chase, including much needed affordable housing."

Jack Rowley, managing director of CPUK Civils and Remediation, said: "Our team are delighted we have been awarded the remediation of this site."

Plans for a new housing estate in Burntwood have moved a step closer. Taylor Wimpey and Barratt Homes submitted detailed plans for 150 homes at Milestone Way in October and they were accepted by Lichfield District Council last week.

The site was previously occupied by ES Smith, which recovered war weapons.

## Truck offences hit the heights



The 'dangerously' overloaded truck which was stopped in Chads Moor Picture: @CMPG

AN 'extremely overladen' flatbed truck has been taken off the road after being found in Chads Moor carrying scrap piled up to 20ft high.

The silver truck, loaded with office filing cabinets and a push bike, was taken off Moss Street in an operation carried out by Central Motorway Police Group's B Unit team,

Cannock's local policing team and the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency. A Staffordshire Police spokesperson said officers spotted the vehicle at 2.45pm on Monday.

They added that the truck was led to the nearest scrapyard and the driver was reported for a number of traffic offences. "The vehicle

was extremely laden with scrap," they said.

The Central Motorway Police Group took to Twitter to shame the driver. Officers tweeted to say the 'dangerously overladen vehicle' had been taken off the road and that a number of defects were found with the vehicle.

# Warning as man suffers burns from garden fire

A MAN suffered flash burns after a bonfire got out of control in his back garden. The 32-year-old suffered 17 per cent superficial burns to his face, arms, chest and legs after he used petrol on the fire in Rugeley on Thursday.

Crews were called to the scene just after 9.15pm and he was taken to Royal Stoke Hospital by ambulance for treatment. His injuries are not thought to be life-threatening.

Station manager Simon Craythorn said: "Ideally garden waste should be disposed of safely at local refuse centres or composted, but if you absolutely must burn it, then there are some vital things to avoid."

"We would strongly advise people not to use petrol or any accelerant to start a fire or encourage it to grow - this incident shows just how dangerous this is."

"This fire was located far too close to nearby trees and could have easily spread to the foliage."

"We have also had fires that have spread to nearby buildings, so always make sure there is enough clear space around the fire, taking into consideration weather conditions."

"Never burn waste after consuming alcohol," Mr Craythorn added.

"This also applies to barbecues. Being under the influence can greatly affect your judgment and responsiveness, putting you at greater risk of injury."

## Stepping up bid to raise £30,000

A TRAINING provider has launched a partnership with the Step Together charity to raise £30,000.

BB Training Academy is the sister company to Busy Bees, the Burntwood-based childcare provider.

The funds raised will help Step Together continue and extend its work providing bespoke volunteering placements to young people who have found themselves excluded from society.

Step Together works with disadvantaged adults to offer them support to boost their work-based skills while increasing their self-esteem and confidence.

BB Training Academy currently has 2,300 learners and staff who will be challenged to hold sponsored walks, runs, bike rides, sky dives and cake sales.

## Man found dead

THE body of a 24-year-old man was found near Cannock Shopping Centre. Police were called to an area off Church Street, Cannock, at 4.50am last Tuesday. Detectives are not treating the death as suspicious, and a report has been prepared for the coroner.

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# Children's charity to run tours of fire stations

A CHARITY that provides practical and emotional support to disabled children will run fire station tours this summer.

Staffordshire-based Caudwell Children has announced it will run three free tours at community fire stations in the county in May and June. The tours will give children the opportunity to inspect the range of facilities within a working community station.

The tour will also include a home fire safety talk where children will learn about fire safety and prevention.

Julia Lunn, national family services manager for Caudwell Children, said: "Who isn't impressed by our emergency services?"

"They do a fantastic job and participants will be thrilled to meet real life heroes and see the equipment that they have to use in their job. It's going to be a great experience, one that many children rarely get to enjoy."

The tours will take place at a number of stations across Staffordshire and are open to children and young people aged eight to 18. The tours will also give families the chance to build a support network with other families and will develop confidence and self-esteem amongst participants.

One will take place at Cannock community fire station in Old Hedgesford Road on May 29 between 9am and midday. Others will be held in Tamworth and Leek. Call 01782 600263.

## £1m winner finally claims their prize

A £1 MILLION Lotto prize won by someone in the Stafford borough has been claimed – after nearly six weeks.

National Lottery operator Camelot has confirmed that the £1 million prize from a Lotto draw on April 7 has now been claimed.

Andy Carter, senior winners' adviser at The National Lottery, said "We're delighted that the winner of this amazing prize has now come forward, and we hope that they will enjoy their win."

"It would have been awful if the ticket-holder had missed out on this substantial and life-changing amount of money."

"We would like to remind all National Lottery players to check their tickets every time they play."

## Rambling on . . .

CHASE Ramblers' walk on Sunday is an eight-mile strenuous walk from Macclesfield Forest in The Peak District. Meet at Hedgesford rail station car park, Anglesey Street, for an 8.30am start. Contact 07729 501717.

# Band riding in with their debut album



Ryders Creed hail from Staffordshire

STAFFORDSHIRE rockers Ryders Creed have confirmed their debut record will be available next month.

They've only been together roughly for a year, but despite this they've nearly finished their album in time for a busy summer of shows.

Their self-titled debut will be released on June 1.

Their quick route to success has seen them win Hard Rock Hell's Highway To Hell competition before signing a worldwide licensing deal with Off Yer Rocka Recordings – who will be promoting the release. Gigs in

the pipeline include headline shows at The Station in Cannock on June 30 and Redrum in Stafford on August 18.

The group are made up of vocalist and frontman Ryan Anthony, a former Walton High School student from Stafford, as well as guitarists Lee Spencer and Myles Cooper, bassist Richard Clark and drummer Lee Gilbert.

Fans pledged more than £6,000 via PledgeMusic so the band could record their debut album.

On top of this, they have also just released their debut music video for

single Headspace, which is now available to watch and shows the band at their energetic best.

Ryan said: "We hope that everyone loves the album as much as we do."

The album was recorded in February 2018 at the Priory Recording Studios in Sutton Coldfield and produced by Greg Chandler.

The band describe it as 'marked by diverse influences from AC/DC and Black Sabbath to Clutch and Monster Truck, and revealing in full our song-writing potential and versatility'. Go to [www.facebook.com/RydersCreed/](http://www.facebook.com/RydersCreed/)

# Passenger services on Chase Line to increase

RAIL passengers will be able to enjoy increased services on the Chase Line from next week.

Two trains will run per hour during the day between Rugeley, Cannock and Birmingham following investment from West Midlands Railway.

It is made possible due to the recent track and signalling enhancements.

Councillor Gordon Alcott, economic development and planning portfolio leader at Cannock Chase Council, said: "We are pleased to see the benefits to the improved Chase Line rail service being introduced. This will be initially through more frequent diesel services."

New four-carriage trains will provide hundreds of extra seats, and over the next few months, work will be undertaken to extend platforms. Richard Brooks, customer experience director for West Midlands Railway, said: "The growth of the Chase Line is a success story everyone can be proud of."

### Faster

"It has gone from being a freight line to becoming a major West Midlands commuter route in a generation. We are doubling the number of off-peak services in May, and in December we will be adding new direct services to London as part of our £1 billion investment in the West Midlands rail network."

Recent track and signalling enhancements will enable trains to travel faster along the route, and the completion of electrification works later this year will pave the way for a brand new twice-hourly electric train service to Birmingham Airport and the NEC, and hourly to London from mid-December.

Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling said: "Improvements to the Chase Line have been one of my key priorities since being elected to Parliament in 2015 so I am delighted that the first stage of the project will see a more regular service, which is great news for passengers."

"The service will now be able to accommodate the rising passenger numbers and put an end to the days of overcrowded trains." The new timetable is at [www.westmidlandsrailway.co.uk/travel-information/timetables](http://www.westmidlandsrailway.co.uk/travel-information/timetables)



Star-studded event – Paul Gascoigne with Steve Bull at Bar Sport's Premier Suite in Cannock

## Fans give Gazza a hero's welcome

'ONE Paul Gascoigne, there's only one Paul Gascoigne!'

That was the welcome England legend Gazza got as he walked on stage at The Premier Suite at Bar Sport in Cannock.

Around 300 fans hung on every word the 50-year-old had to say – including his story about borrowing an ostrich from a zoo to take to the Tottenham Hotspur training ground as part of a gag.

The star-studded event also saw footballing legends turn out to hear Gazza speak – including friend and former teammate Steve Bull, Wolves legend Steve 'The Tank' Kindon and football pundit Tom Ross.

Gascoigne, who said he was enjoying sober life, spent part of the night reflecting on his school days.

When questioned on where his skill came from, he told the crowd: "I just practised all the time."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Course to become a sports leader

YOUNG people can become sports leaders with help of a course in Burntwood during the Whitsun half-term holiday.

The level 1 qualification in sports leadership is for 13-year-olds and above.

The course is at Erasmus Darwin Academy, Burntwood from May 29 to June 1, from 9.30am to 3.30pm.

The course is free, but a £10 deposit is needed to secure your place, which will be returned at the end of the course (if the young person lives or goes to school within the district).

To participate in the scheme, email [sportsdevelopment@lichfieldcc.gov.uk](mailto:sportsdevelopment@lichfieldcc.gov.uk) before May 24.

### Campaign over foster families

'GOT time to foster?' is the latest campaign being run by Staffordshire County Council to help find families for some of the county's most vulnerable children.

The rallying call comes alongside Foster Care Fortnight, May 14 to 27.

Throughout the fortnight, Staffordshire's foster carers will be joining Reggie Bear on the fostering service's promotional bus which will be calling in at a number of following towns including Cannock, Market Square, on May 24 from 10am to 2pm.

Call 0800 169 2061 or visit [www.care4child.org/gottime](http://www.care4child.org/gottime) for details.

### New family history course set to start

A NEW course of beginners' family history lessons will start at Burntwood Library on Tuesday, May 29.

It will run for six weeks and cover all the basics for starting research on family history. To reserve a place on the course, contact Pam Woodburn on 01543 684208 or [pam.woodburn@talktalk.net](mailto:pam.woodburn@talktalk.net)

"There are some people who have been on my waiting list for a little while, but when I have tried to contact them I have had no reply," she said.

"I would be very grateful if they could get in touch."

### Support group aims to promote networking

HEATH Hayes and Area Senior Residents' Support Group hosts a networking event this weekend.

Various speakers will address the gathering from 10am to midday on Saturday at the village library, in Hedgesford Road.

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## Shopping park sold for £53.6m

LONGBRIDGE Shopping Park in south west Birmingham on the site of the former MG Rover works is being sold for £53.6 million.

Developers St Modwen have agreed the sale to Columbia Threadneedle Investments on behalf of Zurich Assurance. The park includes the largest Marks & Spencer store in the West Midlands at 150,000 sq ft, a 95,000 sq ft Sainsbury's, Smyths Toys, Boots, Poundland, Mountain Warehouse, Holland & Barrett, Carphone Warehouse and Specsavers.

Extending over 468 acres, the former works and wider estate at Longbridge is a major regeneration project.

## Join ramblers and find hidden gems

A WALKING charity is inviting people to head outdoors to explore their area and uncover the hidden gems on their doorstep.

Residents in the West Midlands can step out with the ramblers as part of their Walk About Festival later this month. During this year's festival, which runs between May 26 and June 3, there will be hundreds of free group walks on offer.

All walks during the festival are free to attend and offer something for everyone including those after a short summer stroll, to seasoned walkers. For further information, go to [ramblers.org.uk/walkabout2018](http://ramblers.org.uk/walkabout2018)

## Overhaul plea on rail ticketing

RAIL ticketing could be overhauled to make it fairer and easier to use, bosses have said. A public consultation is being launched by the industry to suggest ways of simplifying the system.

The Rail Delivery Group (RDG), which represents private train operators and Government-owned Network Rail, said the industry's suggestions will aim to be revenue neutral, with no change in average fares and no extra support from taxpayers.

## Dancers picked for national festival

A GROUP of talented young dancers from West Bromwich have been selected to take part in a national festival. Chicane Dance Company will perform at the nation's largest national youth dance festival, U.Dance 2018, taking place this July in Ipswich.

They join an impressive line-up of 12 dance groups, selected from more than 290 entrants nationwide through a series of 20 regional heats.

# Standing up for our communities



Diane Davies

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Diane Davies, Head of Weekly Titles

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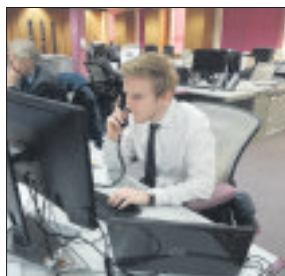
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### The features supervisor

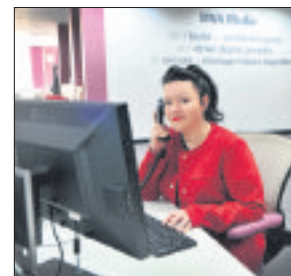
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News gathering – reporter Tom Oakley



Newsagent Tony Rudge and wife Gel



Advertising team – Paula Richards



Sub-editor and headline writer Sarah Cowen-Strong



In the press room with Duncan Rose

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### The newsagent

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daily papers waiting for him at 6am. Sport often dictates newspaper sales, with more copies of our sister, daily paper the Express & Star flying off the shelves when Wolves win, he said.

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## Chiefs stress importance of mental wellbeing

STRESS and other mental health conditions are under the spotlight during Mental Health Awareness Week.

Running from Monday, May 14 to Sunday May 20 the week is hosted by the Mental Health Foundation.

Stress – a feeling of being under abnormal pressure – is a major cause of mental health problems and can lead to self-harm and even suicide. Mental health services in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent are leading the way in a nationwide drive to improve care for adults with anxiety disorders and depression, including stress.

As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, people are being encouraged to know the signs of stress and the psychological and physical symptoms associated with it such as palpitations and quicker than normal breathing.

Staffordshire GP Dr Waheed Abbasi, clinical director for mental health and specialist groups the North Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "We all experience stress and we all deal with it differently."

"However, when it is affecting your life, health and wellbeing, it is important to tackle it as soon as possible."

"In Staffordshire we are making strong progress in delivering the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies programme and are determined to keep the momentum going."

Local services can be contacted on the following numbers: Stafford & Cannock patients – 01785 243002 or 01543 572161; South Staffordshire – 01785 783031 or 0300 555 5001; Burntwood, Lichfield and Tamworth – 01827 288843 or 0300 555 5001.

## Glamping village for Weston Park

WESTON Park will play host to a new glamping village this summer.

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Joanne Hill, assistant park operations manager at Weston Park, said: "We are very excited to be giving guests a brand new opportunity to stay on the estate with these five-star service luxury glamping tents. It's the perfect outdoor staycation."

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# MP in talks with Gove over deadly dog disease

CANNOCK Chase MP Amanda Milling has met with Environment Secretary Michael Gove to discuss Alabama Rot, a deadly disease that affects dogs.

More commonly known as Cutaneous and Renal Glomerular Vasculopathy (CRGV), Alabama Rot is a disease that has proved fatal for several dogs in the district.

Ms Milling wants the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to urge the Government to take proactive action to raise public awareness of the disease as well as encouraging efforts to find a vaccine and cure.

She has been contacted by several dog owners who have lost their dogs to the mysterious disease and she hopes more can be done to identify the causes.

"Very little is known about Alabama Rot, with experts not knowing what causes it, how to cure it or vaccinate against it.

"I therefore met with the Environment Secretary to urge him to do more to make the public aware of the disease, the symptoms and ways to protect dogs from it, as well as encouraging efforts to find a vaccine and cure.

# Keyboard concert from music host

BURNTWOOD Music For All host musician Chris Powell will tinkle the ivories at next week's performance.

The in-demand keyboardist plays at The Memorial Institute Hall, Rugeley Road, on Thursday, May 24, from 7.30pm.

He has compered and hosted the popular organ and keyboard shows there for the last decade and has performed around the world, including concerts in both Holland and Germany during 2017. He will return to New Zealand and Australia during March 2019. He previously spent three years playing the famous Wurlitzer organ at Blackpool Tower.

Tickets are £7.50, with a licensed bar, refreshments, a raffle and good disabled access. Call 01530 274270.

# Burglary charge

A 53-YEAR-OLD has been charged following a series of burglaries in the county. Ian Brindley, of Deal Avenue, Burntwood, was charged with three counts of commercial burglary and one count of attempted theft.

# Tributes paid to Baggies hero Lovett



Baggies ace Graham Lovett

TRIBUTES have been paid to former Albion FA Cup hero Graham Lovett, who later went on to work for the Express & Star, who has died at the age of 70.

Nicknamed 'Shuv' because of his £150 car that often needed a shove to start, Lovett played alongside Jeff Astle in the Baggies side that beat Everton in the 1968 Cup final at Wembley.

After his retirement Lovett worked for the newspaper's advertising department for more than 14 years. He finished as sales manager with The Chronicle.

Former colleagues paid tribute. Regional sales manager Pete Hazel, said:

"He was one the funniest people and one of the biggest characters you could ever meet. Graham is not only a legend with Albion fans, he is a legend with his former colleagues at the Express & Star."

MNA print managing director Graeme Clifford remembers Lovett as 'a great motivator of his staff and a big character across the company'.

After joining Baggies straight from school, Lovett made his debut in 1964, aged 17, and went on to make 157 appearances, scoring nine goals. His career was hampered through injuries sustained off the pitch in two serious car crashes.

He broke his neck and watched the 1967 FA Cup final from his hospital bed, amid fears he would not play again, but returned to play at Wembley and lift the cup a year later.

The following summer he was involved in another car crash and suffered a collapsed lung, broken ribs and a broken tibia. He fought back again, but was released in 1972.

He dropped into non-league and eventual retirement. After spells living abroad, Lovett returned to the UK and became a regular at The Hawthorns and at various club dinners and functions.

# M6 is the most deadly motorway in the UK

THE M6 has claimed more lives than any other motorway in Britain in the past decade – despite racking up fewer collisions than the M1 and the M25.

The Department for Transport looked at all reported road incidents on major UK roads between 2007 and 2016.

It found that 160 people were killed on the M6, exactly twice as many as those who died on London's M25 even though it had 331 fewer accidents – 7,342 for the M6 compared with 7,673 for the M25 where 80 died during the same period.

The M5 was the scene of 91 fatalities – 14 per cent more than the M25 despite having fewer than half the number of crashes. Some 154 fatalities took place on the M1.

The analysis of more than 2,000 of Britain's motorways and A-roads revealed that the A38, which runs through Staffordshire, had 8,698 accidents – 360 more than any other road in Britain.

## Crashes

It also had the greatest number of vehicles involved in crashes – 13,153 which is 10 per cent higher than any other A-road in the country. But the severity of incidents was greater on the A1, the longest numbered road in the UK, with 172 people losing their lives over the decade, compared with 152 deaths on the A6 and 142 on the A40.

The survey also showed that the number of reported collisions has largely decreased over the years, with 25 per cent fewer crashes registered on major roads in 2016 than 2007.

In addition, no-one had died in an accident on 35 per cent of the 2,000 roads analysed, including eight of the 51 motorways. The safest motorway was found to be the M49.

Covering the Bristol and Gloucestershire area, the road saw 11 accidents over the 10-year period, none of which resulted in a death.

The FOI request was made by motorcycle and classic car insurance broker Carole Nash.

The firm's head of marketing Rebecca Donohue said: "It is positive to note the number of accidents is decreasing."

## Vandalism leaves shop staff 'terrified'



Assistant manager Susan Shaw at the shop



The DebRA charity shop in Rugeley has been boarded up

BOSSES at a Rugeley charity shop are 'terrified' to return to work after vandals damaged the store windows.

Susan Shaw returned to work at the DebRA Charity Shop in Brook Square after the bank holiday weekend to discover large cracks in the windows – and has felt unsafe ever since.

Nothing was stolen but she has since boarded up the front of the shop, which will cost thousands of pounds to repair, and she believes

customers are avoiding shopping there due to the damage.

The 53-year-old assistant manager from Rugeley said: "I found out about what happened because someone let me know the one door was cracked. I did not see it was the window and the door until I came back in the morning after the bank holiday.

"I was scared because I thought they might still be in the shop.

"I am terrified to come into work each day because I never

know what I will find. We always have trouble with people in this area but this has got to be the worst incident."

The shop raises money for medical research into Epidermolysis Bullosa. Councillor Anne Allt said: "These shops need people to go to them to help people, and this kind of vandalism will deter them.

"It is a one-off for the area as far as I can tell.

"I urge people to report any problems they have to the police."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Leader secures HS2 guarantees

COUNCIL bosses have secured key guarantees from HS2 limited to minimise its impact on the county.

Staffordshire County Council leader Philip Atkins appeared before the HS2 Select Committee for Phase 2a of the project to petition more than 60 items including reducing the footprint and maximising rail use at the Stone railhead.

They also agreed to encourage the recruitment of local, disadvantaged or under-represented groups during the construction.

He said: "The county council has been committed to ensuring the voices of our communities were heard and getting the best outcome in terms of mitigation, compensation, improved connectivity and a share in any economic benefits the project delivers."

## Rugby club scores with beer festival

DRINKERS can enjoy a taste of different ales, ciders and gins at a beer festival in Cannock.

Cannock Rugby Club has teamed up with Cannock Lions to host the event at the rugby club's Morgan Ground, Huntington, on June 29 and 30.

Opening times on Friday are 7pm to midnight, and from noon to midnight the next day. Entry is £2, food will be available and a DJ will perform.

Local companies are being asked to sponsor a barrel for £50. Call 0845 8334967 or email [cannocklionsclub@hotmail.com](mailto:cannocklionsclub@hotmail.com)

## Railway delays as tree falls on line

TRAINS between Walsall and Rugeley were disrupted when a 90ft tree fell and blocked the line.

Commuters faced delays to their journey after the tree fell on the Chase Line last Thursday.

Engineers worked to remove the tree from about 3pm. A Network Rail spokesman said: "Trains between Walsall and Rugeley have been disrupted after a 90ft-tree has fallen and blocked the line.

"Our safety-critical tree felling helps prevent incidents like this and keep passengers moving."

## Dedication service for new church facilities

THE Bishop of Lichfield, Rt Rev Michael Ipgrave will dedicate the new facilities at a Huntington church this weekend and then lead the Eucharist.

The service is at 10.30am on Sunday at St Thomas' Church. Light refreshments will be served following the service. Everyone is welcome.

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## IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



# Mr Men sexist? Just don't talk wet

ANOTHER week, and another burning issue grips the political class. While you might think rising crime, Iran, North Korea, Russia and Brexit would be enough to keep them occupied, but for some reason the Government has decided to declare war on wet wipes.

Now maybe I'm in a minority, but of all the issues I feel strongly about, wet wipes fall pretty low down the list. Occasionally useful on a hot day after putting on sun cream, but overall I would say they do not form a major part of my life.

It seems the problem is that wet wipes are made of plastic, and we all now know that plastic is A Very Bad Thing.

But, at the risk of departing from the received wisdom of the day, the real problem is not the use of plastics, but today's throwaway society. Children who change their mobile phones every year, replacing perfectly serviceable television sets to get the latest gimmicks, the endless updating of computer systems for no significant benefits. All this generates vast amounts of waste, and the irony is it probably the people who consider themselves the most environmentally aware who are responsible.

Walk around your high street, and the chances are you will see "rent-to-buy" shops urging people on low incomes to buy needless gadgets they neither need nor can afford. Watch the series Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away about High Court bailiffs, and you will see virtually every house they visit has a huge, flat-screen TV. And what for? To see Jeremy Kyle in high-definition?

Of course, this is great news for electronics manufacturers in the Far East, but bad news for the engineers and repairmen in this country who used to earn a crust keeping these things working.

But if we really want to protect the planet, we need to get back to making things to last, and maintaining them rather than replacing them at the whims of fashion. And if that means paying a little bit extra to begin with, it will almost certainly save money over the long term.

And it will make a much bigger difference than banning wet wipes.

AND, not to be outdone in the petty meddling stakes, shadow foreign secretary Emily Thornberry – also known as Lady Nugee – has said Mr Men and Little Miss books are "sexist".

Do these people never take a day off? They are books for little children who don't even know what "sexism" is.

I do wonder which character Miss Thornberry would be. Little Miss Busy-Body, perhaps?

## Adele gets that sinking feeling as she hits the big 3-0



Car Share – Peter Kay's unscripted version of the sitcom showed its true genius



Splashing out – Adele celebrated her 30th with a Titanic-themed birthday party



Love's Labour's lost – Ex-MP and actress Glenda Jackson out of favour with her party

# Kay's simple sitcom is just streets ahead

CONSPIRACY corner. After much research, authorities in Egypt have announced that there is no secret chamber behind the 3,000-year-old wall of Tutankhamen's tomb. Which as every conspiracy theorist knows, means there is.

I LOVED this week's unscripted edition of Car Share (BBC1). I take a wee bit of pride in being one of the first hacks to recognise the brilliance of Peter Kay's creation. Car Share launched in April 2015 and this column instantly hailed it as "clever, lovely, life-affirming stuff." It's just two people sharing a car. As so often in comedy, the simplest ideas are the best.

THE blog version of this column sometimes reminds me of another TV gem, Early Doors. A loyal bunch of customers hang around waiting for the pub (blog) to open. Then they all rush inside and complain about what a crap pub (blog) it is.

DOES she have no brains, no compassion or is she simply badly advised? Adele's choice of a Titanic-themed party for her 30th birthday, with guests dancing in life jackets, was beyond understanding. If any of those guests die by drowning, heaven forbid, in their final moments they will certainly remember that party.

AH, oui. Les événements de soixante-huit. It was fifty years ago today that the youth of Paris rose against their government. I was there. Well, sort of. I was actually there a few weeks later on a school trip being bussed across Paris. The guide pointed out that all the freshly resurfaced streets had once been cobbled. But the rioters tore up the cobblestones to chuck at the police, hence the asphalt. I would like to claim that we Leamington College lads were gripped by the

## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



story of a national trauma so violent and so raw that Parisians simply called it les événements, the events. But we were not. We were transfixed by the guy in the open convertible on the other side of the coach. He was driving with a cigarette hanging expertly from his lip, one hand on the steering wheel, the other resting under the miniskirt of his beautiful and adoring girlfriend. You didn't see that sort of thing in Leamington Spa.

SOME of the self-proclaimed Maoists, Trotskyists, anarchists and other revolutionaries who swarmed onto the streets of Paris 50 years ago later swapped their combat jackets for smart suits to become well-paid politicians and officials across Europe. This will surprise you only if you have never read Animal Farm.

I HAVE occasionally suggested that, as the Left and Right of politics get ever more rabid and unselectable, we may live to see a Labour-Conservative coalition government. In an interview, the former Labour MP Glenda Jackson asks: "What party is Jeremy (Corbyn) leading? It's not a party I know." She reckons neither of the two main parties could win an election and "we're on course for some sort of combined government." Watch this space.

THE Quakers seem to be moving away from God. According to research, 14 per cent of them are atheists while 43 per cent are "unable to profess a belief in God." There is talk of dropping

mention of God from the guidance notes for Quaker meetings. By coincidence, a new report by the British Journal of General Practice suggests that family doctors, as we used to call them, are being used as "new clergy" by people who are not ill but want something to "give meaning and purpose to life." And there's the snag. The moment you start looking for meaning and purpose, or any sense of created order or fairness in life, you are heading for deep disappointment. Better by far to share a room with a few kindly Quakers, who are excellent listeners and make a damn fine pot of tea.

A READER claims there is no longer a majority in favour of Brexit because moods have changed and the 2016 Referendum was "a long time ago." This is how fake news begins. The vote was a long time ago. Anyway, it wasn't binding on the Government. In fact, did the Referendum ever really happen? After all, we Brexiters are all old, dim and a bit forgetful. . .

THE wonders of food science. How on earth do the boffins produce a yoghurt containing zero fat? Part of the answer may lie in the filling process. I've just opened a yoghurt pot which was barely half full. You may expect some settlement in the packet when it's cornflakes, washing powder or porridge oats, but yoghurt, for heaven's sake? Is it easier to produce a yoghurt containing zero per cent fat if the pot is only 50 per cent full in the first place?

STILL on food, a sudden rise in the price of vanilla is reportedly forcing some ice-cream makers to consider dropping the flavour from their range. I am sure we will struggle by. I can't be the only customer who thinks vanilla is what food tastes of if it doesn't taste of anything else.

## TALKING POINT



# Pregnant pause is must for smokers

I MUST admit I am not, and have never been, a smoker. Maybe something to do with the fact that my dad did constantly and died young of a heart attack.

Yes he had been told by the doctors to give it up but he just said at the time "What do the doctors know?" Well obviously a lot more than he did.

My daughter and daughters-in-law were very good – although one in fact has never been a smoker – and followed advice to not smoke when they were pregnant.

After all, smoking is a choice decision and your unborn baby does not have that choice, so you have to make the right decision for them.

Good advice, but how many times do you see mums-to-be walking along proudly pushing out their stomachs with a fag in hand or, just as bad, the prospective dad (at least I presume that's what he is) breathing out cigarette fumes all over her.

So even if she has wisely taken the decision to quit for those important months she and the baby are still at risk. Passive smoking can be almost as dangerous.

Our children are so precious and we would surely do everything we can to protect them.

Admittedly some things are out of our hands to an extent – certain illnesses, bullying at school, friendship fall-outs etc, although of course we would do everything we can to prevent it or deal with the situation as best possible.

I cannot pretend that my children – well, two of them – did not smoke but they did not do it in the house and never during pregnancy or in front of the babies/children. Surely that is the responsible attitude.

Recently, while walking along Wolverhampton's main street, I saw not one but two moms leaning over their babies in the prams with a fag in their mouths. Cigarette ash in your buggy . . . erm, very healthy.

And how many times do you see on television children who are suffering from some awful illness.

Probably, like me, you secretly cross your fingers and think please, there but for the grace of God etc.

But how would you feel if your thoughtlessness or selfish attitude was to blame for one of those illnesses?

I know that when they are adults your children have to make their own decision as it is out of your control but not while they are young and need your guidance.

Give your child the best start in life. If you must smoke, do it away from them – and most definitely not in pregnancy!

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# Fashion up funds to help young boy

A CLOTHES show hopes to fashion up funds to help a disabled Rugeley boy.

The town's Lions Club has arranged its first fashion show, to take place on June 13 at St Joseph's Community Centre, Lichfield Street.

Tickets are £5 each. Clothes will be available for sale with up to 75 per

cent off favourite brands. Proceeds will be donated to "Max's Mission to Move".

Max is a five-year-old boy from Rugeley who suffers from quadriplegic spastic cerebral palsy and desperately needs selective dorsal rhizotomy surgery to improve his quality of life. This

is not available on the NHS so £40,000 needs to be raised for the operation, pre and post physio and equipment.

For further details and to order tickets call Lion Deb Coburn on 07970 380746 or e-mail randdlions@hotmail.com. Tickets are also available at Gymnophobics, Rugeley.

# Football club 'sick' after yobs damage goalposts

COACHES and players at a junior football club were left 'sick to the stomach' after yobs caused hundreds of pounds of damage to equipment.

Steve Edwards, under-13 manager of Midland Soccer Academy, in Burntwood, says the club will have to shell out a 'fortune' to repair the vandalism.

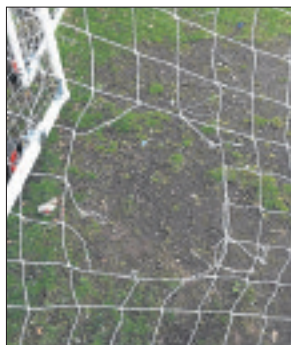
It comes just days after The Chronicle revealed how yobs had left beer bottles and rubbish strewn across the playing field at Coppy Nook Lane where a string of junior football games were planned.

Midland Soccer Academy, which survives on weekly subscriptions from players, spent over £1,500 in total buying the goals and getting them delivered to their base in Cherry Close.

But two days after they were set up Mr Edwards discovered the nets had been slashed, wheels allowing the goals to be moved had been buckled and the stanchions supporting the frames had been bent.

"I feel sick to the stomach," he said. "My boys were beside themselves and the other parents are gutted."

Both of Mr Edwards' two sons, Billy, 12, and Stanley, 11, play for the club.



A hole has been torn in the netting

Having already stretched their meagre financial resources to purchase the goals, the club has now had to spend hundreds more on repairing the damage. Mr Edwards said: "We have had to buy brand new nets and put new wheels on."

"It's money the club hasn't got. It's a massive outlay for a small club."

The club have received a stirring response from the grassroots community, however. Mr Edwards said: "We have had teams from as far away as



The goals' wheels have been buckled

Mansfield offering support to us. We would have liked to have taken them up on their offer but other grassroots clubs need the money themselves."

A Staffordshire Police spokesman said: "The chairman of a local football club contacted us to say that football goals which had been chained to a fence had been damaged."

"There was no CCTV. PCSO officers have conducted inquiries."

Anyone with information can ring 101 quoting reference 229 May 2.



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## Mention for volunteers

I WOULD like to thank everyone who voted for me in the district elections, it's an honour and privilege to represent Cannock West for another four years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to give a special thanks to all the volunteers who helped me and all our candidates, you all worked so hard.

**HYRA SUTTON**  
Cannock

## I'll do my best for the village

PLEASE could I express my thanks to everyone who re-elected me their district councillor for Norton Canes.

I will endeavour to do my best for the village, and I look forward to representing our community for the next four years.

**CLLR JOHN PREECE**  
Norton Canes

## Scant regard to safety at busy crossroads

I AM one of the many people who use the A5 – Oak Lane to Longford Island on a regular basis.

In my opinion, scant regard is paid to safety at Four Crosses where Church Lane on the east and Calf Heath Lane on the west join the A5 to form a very busy crossroads.

In fact, if they can, people avoid it using either Longford Island or the Vicarage Road traffic lights to join or

cross the A5. Other road users, cyclists, pedestrians, horse riders and the nearby farmer who has land and buildings each side of the A5, spend much time waiting for an opportunity to cross safely. Fortunately there have been no fatalities or major accidents.

I suspect that no one has the faintest idea of current traffic flows as I have seen no evidence of checks throughout any weekday. I and everyone I speak

to think it is time for traffic lights to be installed at the Four Crosses as a matter of some urgency. They would be of considerable benefit to all users of the area and significantly improve road safety.

I hope that someone in authority can make a quick decision on installing traffic lights without further delay.

**MR E TURVEY**  
Penkridge

## Election thank you

I WOULD like to thank all the people in Hednesford North who voted for me in the local election on May 3. It has been an honour to represent you in the past, and I look forward to giving all the help I can, to any of you during the next four years.

I would also like to give special thanks to all of the campaign team that helped me get elected.

**COUNCILLOR SHEILA CARTWRIGHT**

Hednesford North

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## 'Winners' have bullied rest of us

PETER Rhodes says that if remain had won in 2016 they would have quietly accepted the result, despite Nigel Farage being on record, before the referendum, as stating a 52-48 split would mean the fight continued (Chronicle, May 10).

Peter thinks that voicing an opinion different to his amounts to 'a sinister anti-democratic gathering of dark forces'. Of course it isn't. It is over 16 million people trying to stop a nation self-harming.

Of course, if Brexit was reversed the anti EU group would not accept that gracefully. As 'winners', they have bullied the rest of us into a hard Brexit. As 'losers' they would be totally unbearable.

**PHIL WALL**  
Norton Canes

## It's such a privilege to represent you on council

IT is a real privilege to be the newly-elected councillor for Western Springs. I will proudly represent our home in the district council chamber, voice any concerns and fight for positive change.

I would like to thank my fellow candidates for their hard-fought campaigns. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank our former councillor, Mick Grocott, for his hard work and dedication over many years.

Finally, and most importantly, I would like to thank my fellow residents for each and every vote cast. I look forward to representing you.

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## Three new members boost ranks

Cannock WI

AT the Annual Meeting, secretary Jill Gooch gave a report to remind members of the activities experienced over the past year.

Jenny had arranged a varied programme of speakers, and throughout all meetings June provided a raffle. Win has supplied a book stall, encouraging everyone all to read more and share used books. Susan has run a competition table.

Treasurer and social secretary Barbara Matthews has arranged some excellent trips and holidays which assist in making new friendships and offer the opportunity to socialise within the safe confines of a group of women who are caring and fun.

This is the second year of the WI community project which now stands at £600 following Helen's great efforts with bring and buy stalls. Members have made hats and scarves for children in the townships of South Africa. Toiletries are also donated to Women's Aid for victims escaping a violent relationship.

Many members had attended a varied programme of events through Staffordshire Federation WI and members were green hearts to promote awareness of all thing loved which could be lost to climate change.

Three new members have been attracted during the year. This will ensure the club's future survival as many others find their ageing membership declining.

# Sheila goes extra Yard for club again



Probuc Club members, from left, Pat Stanley, Norma Hutchinson, Eve Eustace, Eileen Cryer, Pat Elwell, Sheila Yard, Pat Preece and Cecily Garbett

CHAIRMAN Sheila Yard welcomed everyone present to the Cannock Chase Ladies' Probuc Club's 31st Annual General Meeting, held at the Barns Restaurant, Cocksparrow Lane, Huntington.

She said it gave her great pleasure to induct Patricia Rotton into the club. Mrs Rotton was proposed by Gill Worrall-Arnold and seconded by Christine Taylor.

Sheila was also sad to announce the deaths of Sheila Jones who had been a club member for many years, and of David Reid, husband of Angela, a committee member. Cards of condolence were sent to both families on behalf of the club.

Lynne Moseley said Grace after which the ladies enjoyed an excellent luncheon.

After the Loyal Toast the AGM meeting

## Cannock Chase Ladies' Probuc Club

took place. Secretary Norma Hutchinson informed the meeting that letters had been sent out to other Probuc Clubs inviting their chairmen and members to attend the Annual Luncheon at Brocton Hall Golf Club on Thursday, June 28.

Eileen Cryer, past chairman, thanked Sheila for her work as chairman during the past year. Sheila agreed to take the chair for another year as, due to family circumstances, it was not possible for the intended incumbent Cecily Garbett to take the role.

Eileen Cryer presented a floral arrangement to Sheila and Olwen Harris gave thanks to Sheila and the committee.

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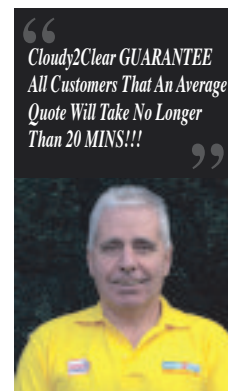
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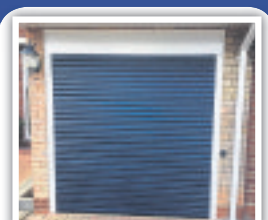
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# Dream date ahead for the jazz fans

INTERNATIONALLY-ACCLAIMED, Grammy-nominated jazz vocalist Stacey Kent returns to the UK for a select number of 2018 dates which includes the Lichfield Garrick on May 22.

It's a big year ahead for Stacey with the release of her most ambitious project yet, her first orchestral album I Know I Dream.

Stacey is a jazz singer with a legion of fans worldwide, a host of honours and awards including a Grammy nomination, album sales in excess of two million, gold, double-gold and platinum-selling albums that have reached a series of No. 1 chart positions during the span of her career.

I Dream has received glowing reviews – including a coveted five stars in Downbeat – and won the Album of the Year award in the vocal category at the 2017 Jazz Japan Awards.

Stacey is touring worldwide including dates in Paris, New York and Lisbon.

Her performance at the Lichfield Garrick is currently her only date in the Staffordshire/West Midlands region.

Tickets are £27 available by calling 01543 412121 or visiting [www.lichfieldgarrick.com](http://www.lichfieldgarrick.com)

# Leisure centre set for £1m makeover

**A MAKEOVER worth £1million will kick off in the summer at Burntwood Leisure Centre.**

Work will start in July at the High Street centre.

New operator Freedom Leisure is investing a total of £1.17m in the improvements, working in partnership with Lichfield District Council.

Improvements will be made to the layout of the café and reception, including the introduction of a Freedom Café Costa coffee shop, along with the addition of a pool-side sauna. Councillor Iain Eadie,

Lichfield District Council's cabinet member for leisure said: "With an expanded gym, improved studios and new indoor cycle studio, we hope the improved facilities will encourage people who have never come to Burntwood Leisure Centre before, or not been in a while, to give it a try."

Work will later start on upgrades to the fitness suite with a boosted gym floor size of approximately 60 per cent, along with new kit, a brand new indoor cycle studio and refurbished group exercise studio.

Some disruption will be inevitable but the centre will remain open throughout, bosses said. Freedom

Leisure has apologised for any inconvenience caused, and aims to maintain as many provisions and facilities as possible.

Geoff Beadle, Freedom Leisure area manager, said: "These refurbishments are to improve the facilities for all existing users but will hopefully also succeed in encouraging new users too."

Energy saving measures are also being introduced at the centre which first opened in 2002 and also features a pool and squash courts. Lichfield District Council handed over control of the centre to Freedom Leisure in February.

# Community funding applications open

ORGANISATIONS from across the county are being invited to apply for funding to help support their local communities.

A new round of the £10m annual fund available through the Ministry of Defence's Armed Forces Covenant Fund is open and will run until the end of the year. The funding offers financial support to organisations and projects to help bring together Armed Forces and civilian communities and deliver local services to the Armed Forces Community.

Groups and individuals can also raise funds through the Crowdfund Staffordshire website.

For projects that help children and families directly, the £50k Children and Families fund will match fund some projects up to £5,000 should it be supported by the community.

Councillor Gill Heath, county council cabinet member for communities, said: "The Armed Forces Covenant Fund is a great scheme that helps support our local armed forces, those serving, veterans, cadets and their families to be more involved in local community's activities." For more details visit [www.covenantfund.org.uk](http://www.covenantfund.org.uk)

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# Ryan engineers his own family business

REMOVING a child from school just before their GCSE exams is something most parents would never consider.

However, Andy and Jan Evans's decision to do just that six years ago has paid dividends, as their son, Ryan, is set to launch a business venture within the family firm.

At just 15 years old, Ryan Evans, with the backing of his parents, left school with no qualifications to start a mechanics apprenticeship with ISS motors.

After knuckling down and learning the ropes, moving to Mercedes specialist Elite Garage in 2014 to broaden his experience, Ryan became the perfect candidate to join his family's firm, e.d.s. Couriers, to maintain its fleet of 55 vans.

Just two years into the role, he is taking a leaf out of his father's book and making plans to expand the business, taking the helm of a new enterprise offering vehicle servicing, repairs and maintenance to the public from the e.d.s. depot in Wimblebury Road, Hednesford.

Father Andy said: "I think it's important to encourage your children to do what's right for them, even if that goes against convention, like taking Ryan out of school at 15.

"Ryan has always tried to work hard, but it was obvious that he wasn't academically inclined and school was proving extremely challenging for him in many ways. At the age of five Ryan was diagnosed with dyslexia, which can cause difficulties understanding written text. His willingness to learn and progress in car and van mechanics has proved we made the right choice."



School doesn't suit everyone – skilled mechanic Ryan Evans at work on a vehicle

## Canine hero at police open day

A CHANCE to meet with Police Dog Cooper – Staffordshire Police's famous Staffordshire bull terrier rescue working dog – and his canine colleagues will be just one of the opportunities on offer at this year's annual police open day on June 3.

The force is opening its doors again to give people the chance to meet officers and staff serving communities across Staffordshire. The event is

being held at police headquarters on Weston Road, Stafford, between 11am and 4pm.

There will be demonstrations showing fascinating and exciting elements of policing including a chance to see police dogs search for drugs and guns and catch criminals, and police show how they use a chainsaw to get past any door. See [www.staffordshire.police.uk/openday](http://www.staffordshire.police.uk/openday) for more details.

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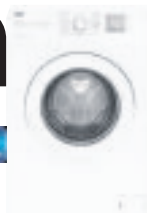
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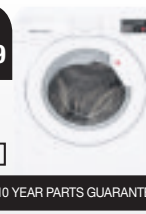
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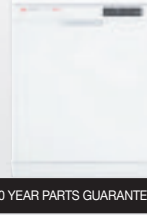
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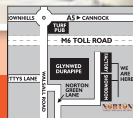


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# Forklift driver's false £51k benefit claims

A FORKLIFT drivers who falsely claimed more than £50,000 in benefits after telling the authorities he could barely walk was filmed climbing flights of stairs.

Neil Sheppard, of Severn Drive, Burntwood, said his multiple sclerosis meant he took 20 minutes to walk just 100 metres and claimed he needed care support.

But the 54-year-old failed to tell authorities when his health improved and instead claimed benefits he was not entitled to over a 15-year stint.

Prosecution barrister Rachel Pennington said: "He was claiming that it took him 20 minutes to walk 100 metres, used a walking stick and would lose his balance."

At Stafford Crown Court, Judge Jonathan Gosling said Sheppard's claims had not been 'fraudulent from the outset'. He said: "He simply failed to understand the importance of reporting changes."

Sheppard declared on self-assessment forms he regularly used a walking stick. But investigators from the Department for Work and Pensions discovered he had been working as a multi-skilled operative for Minworth's Mondelez. Colleagues noticed Sheppard walked unaided and climbed two flights of stairs to attend work meetings.

Defence barrister, Ms Catherine O'Reilly, said Sheppard, who was overpaid £51,867.95, was 'genuinely remorseful and embarrassed'. Sheppard admitted failing to notify a change in circumstances to obtain a benefit between February 28, 2001, and May 17, 2016. He was handed a nine-month sentence, suspended for 18 months, a six-month supervision requirement and a four-month curfew.

● See video at [expressandstar.com](http://expressandstar.com)



Neil Sheppard

## Harvey's speedy success



In pole position – Harvey has picked up many trophies along the way

A YOUNGSTER with a need for speed is in pole position thanks to the help of his petrol head father.

Go-kart racer Harvey Caton, aged 12, from Cannock, is the son of Stafford Volkswagen mechanic Chris Caton.

Harvey has won a host of competitions including the Cadet Indi Cart Championship and the Oval racing Jazz car championship. His

father's job came in handy when he competed in a national race at Ellesmere Port – with Stafford Volkswagen offering to sponsor a new helmet.

Chris says his son is looking forward to competing in more races in the future. "If it's got a steering wheel and an engine he'll drive it," he said. "He just loves racing and competing."

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George Gaye of Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles, back row, second right, with medical staff and residents

RUGELEY residents are being challenged to kick-start a healthier and more active lifestyle.

On Saturday and Sunday, Rugeley Leisure Centre is opening up its doors to allow sporty residents to either cycle 10km, row 5km or travel 5km on a treadmill. The distance can be completed in one go or spread across the weekend.

The challenges are being promoted by Aspire Integrated Rugeley, a joint campaign from the Aelfgar, Brereton, Horsefair and Sandy Lane surgeries. All

sponsorship money collected will go to the Midlands Air Ambulance charity.

A spokesman for the Burnthill Lane centre said: "As an added incentive, those who complete one of the challenges will receive a complimentary seven-day pass with unlimited use of the gym, swimming pool and group exercise classes.

"It's not too late to get involved. Sponsor forms can be collected from the reception at any of the participating surgeries."

## Raid brothers jailed

**BROTHERS** who carried out armed robberies at two convenience stores in 11 days must serve sentences totalling more than 16 years.

An accomplice who acted as look out for one of the raids was locked up for five years.

Karl and Scott Loach, aged 28 and 31, snatched almost £1,000, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Mark Warrollo, 39, kept watch as the pair, who had previous convictions for 81 offences between them, struck at the Spar shop in Rugeley on July 3, said Miss Sophie Murray, prosecuting. The brothers, armed with a screwdriver, prised open the tills and

took £490. Police identified them from CCTV. Both were on bail accused of burglary at the time.

On July 14, the brothers, both from Spring Close, Sheffield, then staged a similar robbery at the Co-op in Lichfield Road, Walsall, this time taking £500.

They and Warrollo, of Broad Lane, Sheffield, and had previous convictions for 138 separate offences, were gripped by long term drug addiction and stole to fund their next fix, the court heard.

The brothers admitted both robberies and possession of a knife and were each given identical eight year three-month sentences with an extra three years supervision on release. Warrollo was convicted after a trial of involvement in the first raid.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Leader's disgust at litter left on Chase

CANNOCK Chase Council's leader says he is 'disgusted' with the amount of litter left on Cannock Chase after the bank holiday weekend.

Rangers took two and a half hours to clean up empty alcohol bottles, disposable barbecues and more left in the Area of Outstanding of Natural Beauty.

Council leader George Adamson said: "I am disgusted. The Friends of Cannock Chase recently collected 18 bags of litter just because people are too idle to pick up after themselves. Plus it is dangerous to animals.

"The cost of it is not for free either. The rangers who tidy up are paid and that is tax payer money."

### Car scheme starts volunteer drive

A VOLUNTEER car scheme has launched a drive to recruit new members.

Volunteer drivers with their own transport are needed to convey people to medical appointments and to visit friends and relatives in hospital and care homes.

A fuel allowance is paid to drivers. Just a few hours to spare each week is needed to get involved in the community initiative, which is provided by Support Staffordshire.

To get involved in the scheme or for details, call Jan Matthews on 01543 303030 or email jan.matthews@supportstaffordshire.org.uk

### Mattresses stolen

A VAN was stolen from a unit before being used to steal expensive mattresses. Offenders broke into a unit in Lower Road, Hednesford, overnight on May 7. Police are appealing for information on 101. Quote serial 187.

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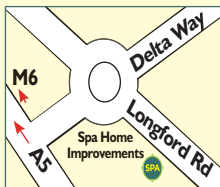
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# 14Getting close to wildlife with holiday sessions

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FAMILIES can get to grips with wildlife during fun half-term activities.

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Activities include finding out about worms and snails to a tree rubbing trail and pond dipping and all cost £2.50 each, or £2 for Leisure Activity Passport holders. Book in advance on 01543 308867 or email parks@lichfielddc.gov.uk. Children must be accompanied for all activities.

Older children, meanwhile, can Get-in2it with activities including multi-sports, parkour, dancing, boxing, skateboard tuition, trampolining and UV sports for young people aged seven-to-25.

Venues include Burntwood Leisure Centre, Open House at Cherry Close and Erasmus Darwin Academy, as well as at Friary Grande Leisure Centre and Minster Hall in Lichfield.

Sessions generally cost £1 or £2 or are free with no booking necessary. Visit [www.activelichfield.co.uk/holidayfun](http://www.activelichfield.co.uk/holidayfun)

Armed Forces Day raffle to get hands on mascot is just the ticket

## Rafa bears up for a move

**A TEDDY bear has been given an RAF-style makeover – and is now on the lookout for a permanent home.**

Warrant Officer Rafa Bear is the latest recruit to join the Cannock Chase branch of the Royal Air Forces Association.

As part of this he's received a hand-made RAF uniform complete with genuine RAF warrant officer badges.

### Neighbour

The two-foot bear plans to make a host of public appearances around the county before getting a new posting on Armed Forces Day in Cannock.

Residents across the district have the chance to win Rafa when he will be raffled off at the event at Cannock Park on June 23.

Money raised from his sale will be donated to the RAF Association.

The cuddly toy is the brainchild of



Val Loughrey and Lawrence McGowan of the RAF Association with Rafa bear the branch's vice-chairman Valerie Loughrey, aged 76.

She worked with her neighbour, Polly Harris, to design and make Rafa's uniform. Amateur seamstress

and thought it would be a good idea for fundraising.

"I asked Polly because she's a dress-maker and makes dolls' clothes."

Rafa was donated by staff at Morrisons in Mill Street, Cannock as part of a scheme by the company to help various charities.

"I would like to raise £500 or as much as possible for charity," said Valerie.

"I'm very pleased with the teddy, it's brilliant."

The branch plans to showcase Rafa at its fundraising stalls at various supermarkets over the next few weeks.

They also plan to take him to servicemen clubs in the area.

Lawrence McGowan, from the branch, said: "It's unique, teddy bear collectors won't find anything like it."

"Polly, who made it, said she didn't want to let go of it."

He added: "I love it. I've bought my own raffle tickets for it."

## MP nominates NHS heroes for top awards

HEALTH and care workers have been nominated for a national award by the Chase MP Amanda Milling to mark the 70th birthday of the NHS.

The NHS70 Parliamentary Awards was set up to recognise the massive contribution made by the individuals who work in and alongside the NHS. MPs were asked put forward nominees who have innovated, impressed and made a real difference to how local health and care services provide care for patients.

Ms Milling has nominated Stafford and Cannock Community Respiratory Home Oxygen Team for the Excellence in Primary Care Award; Falls Prevention Services, Southern Division for the Person-Centred Care Champion Award and Jill Hyden for a lifetime achievement.

She said: "Everyone in Cannock Chase is rightly proud of our local NHS and care services, and I'm delighted to be taking part in the NHS70 Parliamentary Awards as a way of thanking and recognising the people who work in or support those services."

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**"You are My witnesses,"** says God of Israel <sup>2</sup>. They aren't perfect and they aren't the only people God cares about, but they are the people He chose to show the world His plan. And that plan is not yet complete, there are wonderful things still to come and **you** could be part of it! Why not come along to one of our Bible talks to find out more?

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# Wheelchair firm looking to inspire



From left, Trish Bolan, Mike Sheen, Fabio De-Rosa and Robert Ball from Icon Exhibitions in the new showroom

TWO businesses have teamed up to design a new showroom to provide inspiration to wheelchair users.

RGK Wheelchairs, based in Burntwood, have worked with Cannock-based exhibition company Icon Exhibitions & Display to create a showroom to prove that wheelchairs can be motivational, not just medical.

The initiative aims to make shopping for a new wheelchair a more positive and less clinical experience by inspiring those who visit.

As well as showcasing a range of handmade wheelchairs,

there is a permanent mini-exhibition area showing wheelchairs of famous people. These include Abdi Jama's wheelchair basketball chair that helped the GB Men's team win bronze at the Rio Paralympics in 2016 and the chair which Gordon Reid used to win gold and silver medals at Rio in the singles and doubles wheelchair tennis matches.

Inspirational photographs of some of RGK's celebrity ambassadors, including Shaun Gash, Fizz and Terry Bywater, are on the showroom walls to provide further inspiration.

## Nominations a Plus for group



Amy Griffith

**A SOCIAL housing and care provider in Staffordshire has been shortlisted for three national awards.**

Housing Plus Group's repairs and maintenance division, Property Plus, is one of the finalists for the Most Inspiring Employer in the Inspire Awards. The award celebrates

organisations which recognise equality and create an inclusive environment in which all employees can succeed.

Amy Griffith, senior operations manager with Property Plus, has been shortlisted for the Most Inspiring Rising Star Award, which recognises individuals who, through their ambition and drive to deliver truly outstanding work, are break-

ing down barriers to inclusion.

Housing Plus Group – formed 18 months ago – has also been shortlisted for the Most Inspiring Housing Provider award.

The awards scheme celebrates diversity in the UK construction, engineering and housing sectors. Winners will receive their awards at a presentation ceremony on June 5.

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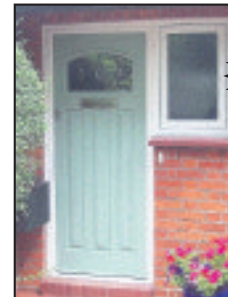
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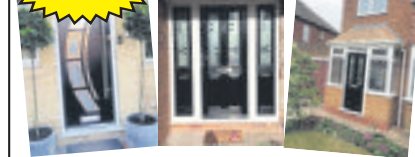
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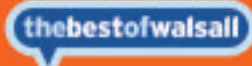
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## FOCUS ON RUGELEY

# Students in the spotlight to sing their hearts out



Hart School pupils during their performance



Ellie Holloway performs the opera aria 'Dove Sei' by Handel

**TALENTED** young students went under the spotlight to showcase their vocal skills after being coached by an acclaimed British tenor.

The Hart school pupils were 'proud' to take the stage to show off their impressive singing in a 'joyful' concert – the climax of a two-year project.

The event, entitled a Day of Song, saw the children sing alongside their peers at Thistley Hough, Stoke. Both academies are part of Creative Educa-

tion Trust and the choral project has seen teachers and students coached by Charles MacDougall in conducting, repertoire and vocal technique.

### Travelled

The project, conceived by the Voices Foundation to raise the level of musicianship in schools and to encourage more people to sing, has travelled the country since June last year with the final concert in Stoke celebrating the culmination of many hours of commitment and hard work from all involved.

Emily Campbell, director of programmes for Creative Education Trust, a charity and multi-academy trust, said: "Teachers and students had reason to be very proud with their performances which were accomplished, engaging and moving."

"The Hart School Senior Singers' polished rendition of The Lake Isle of Innisfree; Eleanor Dayley's challenging setting of a poem by WB Yeats; and their two solo singing ambassadors, Abbie and Ellie Holloway, added a thrilling virtuosity to the event."



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# Fireworks blaze boss heard huge explosion

## Island setting for thriller



Four of the strangers played by, from left, David Rimmer, Daniel Llewellyn, Jenny Milakovic and Alan Walsgrove

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Ten strangers are summoned to a private island off the coast of Devon. Their host, an eccentric mil-

lionaire unknown to any of them, is nowhere to be found.

Alone on the island and trapped by foul weather, one by one they begin to fall prey to the hidden murderer among them.

Tickets for this Tower Players production, which starts at 7.30pm each day, are £12 available by calling 01543 578762 or visiting <https://boxoffice.wlct.org>

THE boss of a fireworks factory told police of hearing a 'boom' and the air being sucked in before a fireball caused a massive explosion that killed an employee and customer, a court heard.

Richard Pearson said he recalled seeing the customer 'frozen in time' and yelled at him to get out. He then went to help him before realising his own hands were 'horribly burned'.

The blast at SP Fireworks in Baswich, near Stafford, on October 30, 2014, scattered 'burning balls' across the floor.

Pearson, aged 44, who is charged with two counts of manslaughter by gross negligence, told police in a prepared statement seven months later that he realised he must get out and crawled towards the door. Outside someone threw water over him and he shouted there were two more people inside.

The businessman, who was in hospital for several weeks with severe burns, said his memory had been affected by his injuries and that he suffered flashbacks.

He said he could not recall telling ambulance staff on the night of the fire that he would go to prison. "I was in shock and may have said anything," he said.

Stafford Crown Court also heard that he could not remember suggesting a third party had thrown a lit firework into the unit. He was still receiving skin grafts two years after the fire at Tilton Avenue Industrial Estate.

Earlier the court heard that Pearson had taken a large delivery of fireworks from China days earlier in the run-up to Bonfire Night and Diwali which was stored at a second site near Penkridge.

Pearson, of Holyrood Close, Stafford, denies causing the death of employee Simon Hillier, 41, and customer Stuart Staples, 57, both from Hednesford, by gross negligence in failing to take reasonable care in the storing and handling of explosives.

The trial continues.

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International Workers Day can be traced back to an incident in Chicago in 1886



Suggestion of UK-wide public holidays to mark the patron saints of the four home nations

# May it now be time to ditch this Bank Holiday?



Sheila Jack protests in Wolverhampton in 1978

**SHEILA Jack cut a lonely figure almost exactly 40 years ago as she sat on the steps of her junior school, clutching a handful of books.**

On May 1, 1978, Collingwood Junior School in Wolverhampton was closed for Britain's first May Day bank holiday.

It had been recently created by Jim Callaghan's Labour government to coincide with International Workers' Day. But this teacher had no intention of taking the day off.

"My protest is against May Day being used as a public holiday, because its connections are either pagan or political," said the teacher, from Telford, as she began marking books outside the school.

It is exactly 40 years since Callaghan made May Day a national holiday, and it has been the subject of debate ever since.

In 2011, David Cameron's coalition government looked at moving the bank holiday to the autumn in 2011, but met with fierce resistance from the trade unions.

And now the present Labour leader has thrown the issue of when our bank hol-

## MEMORY LANE

By Mark Andrews

idays should fall back into the spotlight with his call for four new UK-wide public holidays to mark the patron saints of the four home nations, although it is fair to say he is about as likely to abandon the May Day bank holiday as he is to join his local hunt.

This would mean two days off in March to mark St David's Day and St Patrick's Day, a day off around April 23 for St George's Day, and a day to mark St Andrew's Day which will fall either at the end of November or the start of December.

At the moment, there are eight UK bank holidays: Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day in the winter, Good Friday, Easter Monday, May Day, and Whit Monday around the spring, plus an extra bank holiday at the end of August.

When Mr Cameron proposed moving May Day, he argued the four spring bank holidays were too close together, potentially being crowded within a five-week period, depending on when Easter fell. It was proposed it should be replaced with a

new bank holiday in the autumn, possibly to mark Trafalgar Day on October 21.

John Penrose, a minister at the time, said it would benefit the tourism industry, but there was fierce opposition from the trade union movement.

Mr Cameron insisted there were no political motives behind the proposal, but it is fair to say that Brendan Barber, the TUC general secretary at the time, was unconvinced. He said: "A few Tory backwoodsmen have a bee in their bonnet about the May Day bank holiday because of its association with international labour day. In fact May Day is a traditional British celebration dating back to the fourth century."

### Pagan

It is certainly true that May Day is a tradition going back centuries, beginning with the Roman festival of Floralia, celebrating the goddess of flowers, and evolving into a pagan festival marked with morris and maypole dancing in ancient England.

However, the idea of marking it with a public holiday did not really catch on until the 20th century, with Britain one of the last countries to adopt it. And the story behind it probably explains why the subject is so politically charged.

International Workers Day, or Labour Day as it is sometimes known, traces its roots back to an incident in Chicago in 1886, which is either described as the Haymarket Riot or the Haymarket Massacre, depending on your perspective. The incident began as a strike and public demonstration demanding an eight-hour working day which started peacefully enough, but began to turn ugly when the police attempted to disperse the crowds.

When an unidentified protester threw a bomb, police responded by opening fire.

Four anarchist campaigners – August Spies, George Engel, Adolph Fischer and Albert Parsons – were charged with conspiracy and hanged for the crimes.

In 1904 The International Socialist Congress, meeting in Amsterdam, called on 'all social democratic party organisations and trade unions of all countries to demonstrate energetically on May 1 for the legal establishment of the eight-hour day'.

Following the 1917 revolution, the newly-formed Soviet Union quickly embraced May Day as a national holiday celebrating workers' power, and it became renowned for huge set-piece displays in Moscow's Red Square. Nazi Germany was also quick to latch on, declaring it a national holiday on taking power in 1933.

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# Slimline tonic inspired by news of grandchild

A CANNOCK man used news he was to be a granddad as inspiration to lose weight. Ian Dunn ditched junk food and an unhealthy lifestyle and has shed 26lbs.

The 50-year-old tipped the scales at 14st 13lbs when he joined Weight Watchers in Cannock in the new year, alongside his wife Melanie. Almost four months later he now weighs in at 13st 1lb.

Father of three Ian, who already has a year-old granddaughter, said: "After Christmas, I was bigger than ever and had little control over my portions and was eating the wrong foods.

"I was then told the good news that I was going to be a granddad for the second time and this made me start thinking about my health and wellbeing. That weekend, my wife and I decided to do something about it."

## Dropped

The couple joined Weight Watchers, attending Saturday morning classes at Cannock's Avon Business and Leisure Centre – and have not looked back. Melanie herself has dropped 18lbs.

Ian, a painted body quality controller with Land Rover in Solihull, said: "My first weigh in was the start of our new healthy lifestyle. Being just shy of 15 stone shocked me, it's the biggest I've ever been.

"I lost 7lbs in my first week and this has spurred me on to lose each week since joining in January.

"We are both seeing the benefits – 26lbs in 15 weeks is great going, I'm living and losing and feel so much fitter. I now have more energy and will enjoy time with my grandchildren. Losing weight has given me a new lease of life."



Ian tipped the scales at 14st 13lbs when he joined Weight Watchers



The 50-year-old granddad is now healthier and weighs in 26lbs lighter

## Pupils' tree-mendous effort

CHILDREN gave Staffordshire Wildlife Trust a helping hand after holding a tree planting session at the charity's headquarters.

Year two pupils from Redbrook Hayes Primary, Rugeley, visited the Wolsley Centre to plant trees along the edge of the outdoor classroom.

The school was keen to do something to help wildlife and the environment, so contacted the trust to see

how it could help. The charity received a few hundred hedgerow plants from The Woodland Trust's Free Trees scheme, and were keen to have pupils along to help plant them on the classroom boundary.

Trust senior learning officer Alexis Johnson, said: "We work at centres and reserves, as well as schools themselves, providing curriculum-linked outdoor activities."



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## Firefighters join service at arboretum

HUNDREDS of firefighters from across the country travelled to Staffordshire for a high-profile thanksgiving service.

The National Arboretum hosted the Annual International Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday.

The ceremony sets out to give thanks to firefighters from the UK who protect communities at home and

abroad. It also honours fire and rescue service colleagues from around the globe.

The Firefighters Memorial Trust held the event, with the support of Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service. The service was conducted by the Rev Mia Hilborn, who is chaplain to the trust.

Deputy Chief Fire Officer Rob Bar-

ber and Stephen Sweeney, chairman of Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Authority, attended along with crews from Lichfield community fire station.

Mr Barber said: "It is an absolute privilege to be a part of The Annual International Service of Thanksgiving, which is always an incredibly moving occasion."

## Wheel is turning in £100,000 mining memorial appeal

A CAMPAIGN to raise £100,000 towards returning an iconic mining wheel back to the former Littleton Colliery site 25 years after the pit closed has been launched.

Huntington Parish Council is appealing for donations to support the Huntington Memorial Garden project, which will see the huge wheel relocated to the centre of the village.

Residents, ex-miners and their relatives are being invited to buy engraved bricks for the tribute on Littleton Green.

The parish council has already pledged £20,000 towards the project, which is set to cost more than £100,000 – but more money is needed and it is now appealing for help to raise a further £15,000.

An online Crowdfunder has raised just under £400 already, days after the council started the appeal.

### Massive

Parish councillor Scott Allport said: "Huntington Parish Council want to work with the local community to raise funds and move one of our mining wheels back onto the old pit site 25 years after the Littleton Colliery closed.

"The wheel is huge and very heavy – it will be a massive undertaking to move it from its current site, on the Littleton Leisure Park, to its new home on the Littleton Green by the GP Surgery in Huntington.

"We want to create a memorial garden around the re-sited mining wheel, exclusively for former Littleton Colliery miners and for Huntington's fallen war heroes, so that residents can remember their loved ones in a place where they lived, worked and, sadly, at times died.

"Their names will be immortalised and etched into individual bricks, and will form the foundations of a fantastic monument, similar to that at the other local mining memorials."

In order to keep the history and heritage of the former Littleton Colliery alive, the council will be putting information boards in the garden so people can learn about the history of



Chairman Jeff Ashley, Scott Allport and Peter Wetton, all of Huntington Parish Council, want to move the mining wheel to the Littleton Colliery site

the area. A selection of pledges will be available for residents and businesses in Huntington and beyond to get involved with.

An engraved brick is available at £30, engraved paving stone for £500 and a remembrance tree or bench for £750 and £1,500 respectively.

Littleton Colliery employed more than 2,000 workers across the Cannock Chase district until it was shut

down. In 1992, it was deemed a core pit, only to be closed the next year – bringing an end to hundreds of years of mining heritage.

Residents can pick up application forms at the Co-op in Huntington or the Littleton Arms pub.

For more details and to get behind the Huntington Memorial Garden scheme visit [www.crowdfunder.co.uk/huntingtonmemorialgarden](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/huntingtonmemorialgarden)

## Work on Chase bird habitats

A PROJECT to reverse the decline of bird habitats in Staffordshire is being expanded.

Heathland restoration at Satnal Hills, which is part of the Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation, and the Shugborough Estate, has already benefited scarce species such as the woodlark.

The National Trust, as the nation's biggest private landowner, is playing its part in addressing this gradual decline, by creating and restoring 'priority' wildlife

habitats. Simon Barker, a National Trust wildlife and countryside adviser, said: "We're working hard across the Midlands to create more and better habitats for birds through our conservation projects."

"Spring is a time of rapid change and activity for birds, and there are things people can do to help."

He called on bird lovers to build nest boxes and provide food and fresh water in gardens.

Visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/nature-and-wildlife](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/nature-and-wildlife)

## Hunt is on for a trade supremo

A COMPETITION to find Britain's best tradesperson has been launched.

Builders, electricians, carpenters and plumbers in Cannock and Rugeley are being invited to take part.

The annual Britain's Top Tradesperson 2018 competition, organised by Screwfix, aims to highlight and recognise the great work tradespeople do in the region.

This year's winner not only takes home the coveted title, which will transform their business, but they also drive away in a brand

new Mitsubishi L200 Warrior pick-up truck worth £33,000.

Screwfix, which has stores in Cannock and Rugeley, will select the best tradespeople for a regional heat and, from there, 10 finalists from across the UK will head to Wembley Stadium for the national final in July, where they will compete in front of a judging panel of industry experts.

Entries are open until June 3, with regional finalists selected and competing later the same month.



# 'L' of a name sought for zoo's new addition

**VISITORS** can take a peek at Drayton Manor Zoo's newest addition over the spring bank holiday.

Primate keepers are celebrating the March 20 birth of the Black-Headed Spider Monkey as the breed is classified as critically endangered on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species.

She was born to parents Snarfy and Lizzy but does not have a name yet so the park will release details soon on how to enter a competition to name her. They are looking for a name that begins with an 'L'.

It comes ahead of Love Your Zoo Week celebrations from May 26 to June 3 where there will be a variety of activities on offer at the 15 acre zoo.

Chris Mitchell, Head of Zoo Operations at Staffordshire's Drayton Manor Park, said: "We always enjoy Love Your Zoo week here and being able to continue to share our values with the park's visitors."

"In recent news the world was left devastated by the loss of the last male Northern White Rhino, Sudan. It is with that in mind that we remember the pivotal role that zoos play in helping to protect animals that are currently struggling to survive in the wild."

"That is why the birth of our young Black-Headed Spider Monkey is such a celebration."

As part of British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums' annual Love Your Zoo Week, visitors can learn about 100 species of animals from across the globe.

Drayton Manor's mascot, Rory the Lion, will also be out and about in the zoo as well.



The baby spider monkey with a parent at Drayton Manor Zoo

## Cake sales bring in £171

**STUDENTS** in Penkridge cooked up £171 for charity. Sophie Moseley, a Year 13 student at Wolgarston High, ran a bake sale to raise the money for the Support Our Paras charity.

Together with schoolmates Chloe Locke, Michael Crane and Hannah Walker, they sold cakes in the library at lunch and break time to generate the cash. Sophie said: "I think it is important that as students we are all able to make a positive difference to others."

The group supports The Parachute

Regiment through the welfare of serving soldiers, their families and those who have been affected by recent military operations. The money raised will go to help fund mobility equipment, sports equipment for wounded Regimental teams, memorials for those soldiers who have served as well as important courses to help soldiers transition into civilian life.

Learning resources centre administrator Sarah Roberts said: "It is brilliant to see students taking positive action to help make a difference."

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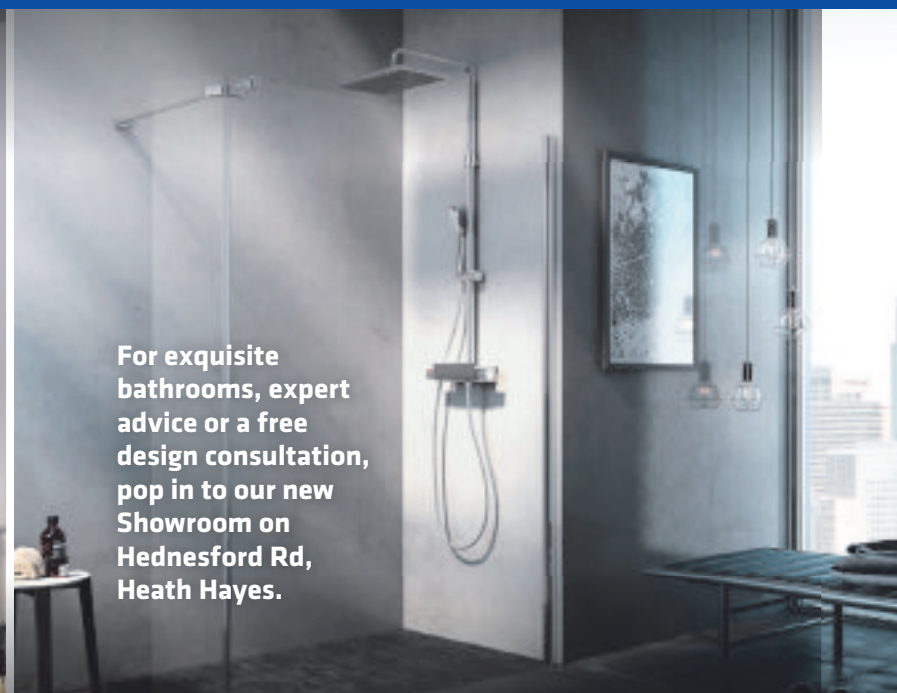
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# Donchez gets wiggle on for BGT golden buzzer

HE became an overnight star after getting the nation to wiggle and wine their bodies.

Now Britain's Got Talent contestant Donchez Dacres has revealed he is hoping to bring home the win and make the West Midlands proud.

The 60-year-old says he has felt like a 'total superstar' since millions tuned in to see him fast-track his way into the show's live semi-finals.

Mr Dacres, of Penn, won over talent show judges with his self-penned tune Wiggle Wine. He said: "I'm on a high. I can't believe it, the amount of interest. It's such a wonderful feeling."

"I would love to do it for Wolverhampton. I'm going to give it my best shot, I'm going to go for it. It's my dream."

## Proud

The AA mechanic's audition, which saw judge David Walliams slam the golden buzzer for the contestant, has since had more than 6.7 million views.

Mr Dacres, who has lived in the city for more than 40 years, said: "I feel very proud, I'm ecstatic. Everybody is doing the dance when they recognise me."

The father-of-four revealed he was not in the comfort of his living room when his winning moment was aired for the first time on ITV earlier this month. Instead, he decided to go ahead with a pre-booked gig in Telford.

Despite remaining tight-lipped as his audition hit the screens, he could not escape the mania once guests realised his fate.

The roadside mechanic, who entered the contest after encouragement from loyal fans, said: "I did not watch it, this is how naive I was. When the



Britain's Got Talent hosts Ant & Dec join Donchez Dacres on stage

golden buzzer went off, the pub went up, everybody was up.

"I had to sit in the corner, I got really emotional. Everybody was excited."

"I started my show and by the end of the night the pub was packed. People were telling other people where I was."

Days later when the contestant dropped by at Dudley's Himley House pub, customers jumped at the chance to ask if his hit had been released as a

single. Mr Dacres, who moved to Wolverhampton after growing up in Jamaica, added: "I was like a celebrity. Everyone was coming up and congratulating me. I thought maybe I should have done this years ago."

He is now setting his sights on getting through to the finals of the show later this year, adding: "I'm nervous, it's like adrenaline. I'm looking forward to it so much."

# Strictly Crazy for dancing delight

## REVIEW

**Crazy For You, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton**  
SHALL We Dance? They couldn't stop themselves in this turbo-charged Gershwin musical that recalls the golden days of Hollywood with its screwball comedy and showbiz razzmatazz.

We all know that Tom Chambers is twinkle-toed after he won Strictly Come Dancing. That was ten years ago but the former Holby City and Casualty TV star turned West End favourite shows no sign of slowing down.

He also displays great physical comedy skills, and a more than adequate singing voice, in this daft and delightful show, from tap-dancing on top of a piano to abseiling down the side of the proscenium arch.

## Dusty

The plot is paper thin. Wanna-be Broadway dance star Bobby (Chambers) is supposed to be training with a law firm and is sent to Nevada to foreclose on an old theatre turned post office in a dusty ghost town.

There he meets the owner's feisty daughter Polly (Charlotte Wakefield) and in time honoured tradition decides to put a grand show on that will pull in the crowds and save the venue.

Someone does suggest converting it to a casino but that is dismissed, who would travel all the way to Nevada to gamble?

Bobby enlists the town's slow-witted cowpokes and vacationing chorus girls but things take a bizarre turn when Bobby disguises himself as famous New York impresario Bella Zangler. Then the real Zangler (Neil Ditt) turns



Tom Chambers in Crazy For You, the Grand Theatre's spring blockbuster

up as does Bobby's vampish girlfriend (Claire Sweeney).

It's all the perfect excuse for zany knockabout comedy, zingy one-liners and zippy dancing from an energetic cast who also double up as the band, playing instruments on stage.

The songs are great fun, even the lesser known ones, and there are several classics, including Embraceable You, Shall We Dance?, and Nice Work If You Can Get It. The highlights were

a version of I Got Rhythm which almost turned into Stomp! and Ms Wakefield's powerful and lovely rendition of Someone To Watch Over Me. Meanwhile, stage and TV favourite Ms Sweeney nearly stole the show with her saucy, funny, naughty but nice showstopper Naughty Baby.

The tour has now left the West Midlands but fans can still catch the show at Leicester Curve in early June.

Leon Burakowski

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Society tell their own West Side Story



The show is filled with musical camaraderie contrasting with the heart-breaking underlying story

ALDRIDGE Musical Comedy Society (AMCS) is to present West Side Story at the Prince of Wales Theatre in Cannock. In one of the largest casts ever to grace an AMCS production, 37 Jets, Sharks and Adults take to the stage for a show filled with jovial musical camaraderie to contrast with the heart-breaking underlying story and its tragic conclusion.

Sarah Beckett takes on both director and choreographer roles along with a few cameos on the stage itself. "I am so proud of everyone in the production who has bought my ideas to life," she said.

West Side Story is being staged from May 16 to 19, starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets £15 for adults, £12 concessions and £10 under-16s available from Stuart Brooke on 07984 465400 or the Prince of Wales box office on 01543 578762.

Ambulance wins a Bafta

AMBULANCE was named Best Factual Series at the Baftas in London on Sunday.

The programme, made by Dragonfly Television, goes behind the scenes of West Midlands Ambulance Service and looks at the staff and patients who it helps 24 hours a day.

Paramedic Katie Cartwright, who featured in the very first story of the first episode when she helped to save the life of a cardiac arrest patient, was at the event along with Rich Phillips, who is a controller in the emergency operations centre at Brierley Hill, and Claire Brown from the ambulance trust's press office, which co-ordinates the filming.

Kirsty Cunningham, executive producer at Dragonfly Television, said: "We couldn't have made it without patients and their families allowing us to tell their stories. But really, this series goes to the heroes in green. It was our privilege to be able to capture the way they work with such compassion and care. It's our love song to the NHS, this series."

Anthony Marsh, the trust's chief executive, said: "This is a fantastic achievement not just for those who have featured in the programmes but for all of our staff. What this programme shows is just how much effort our staff put into the job."

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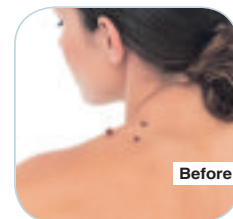
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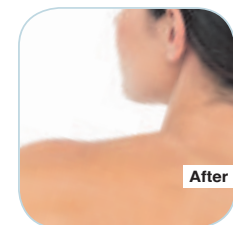
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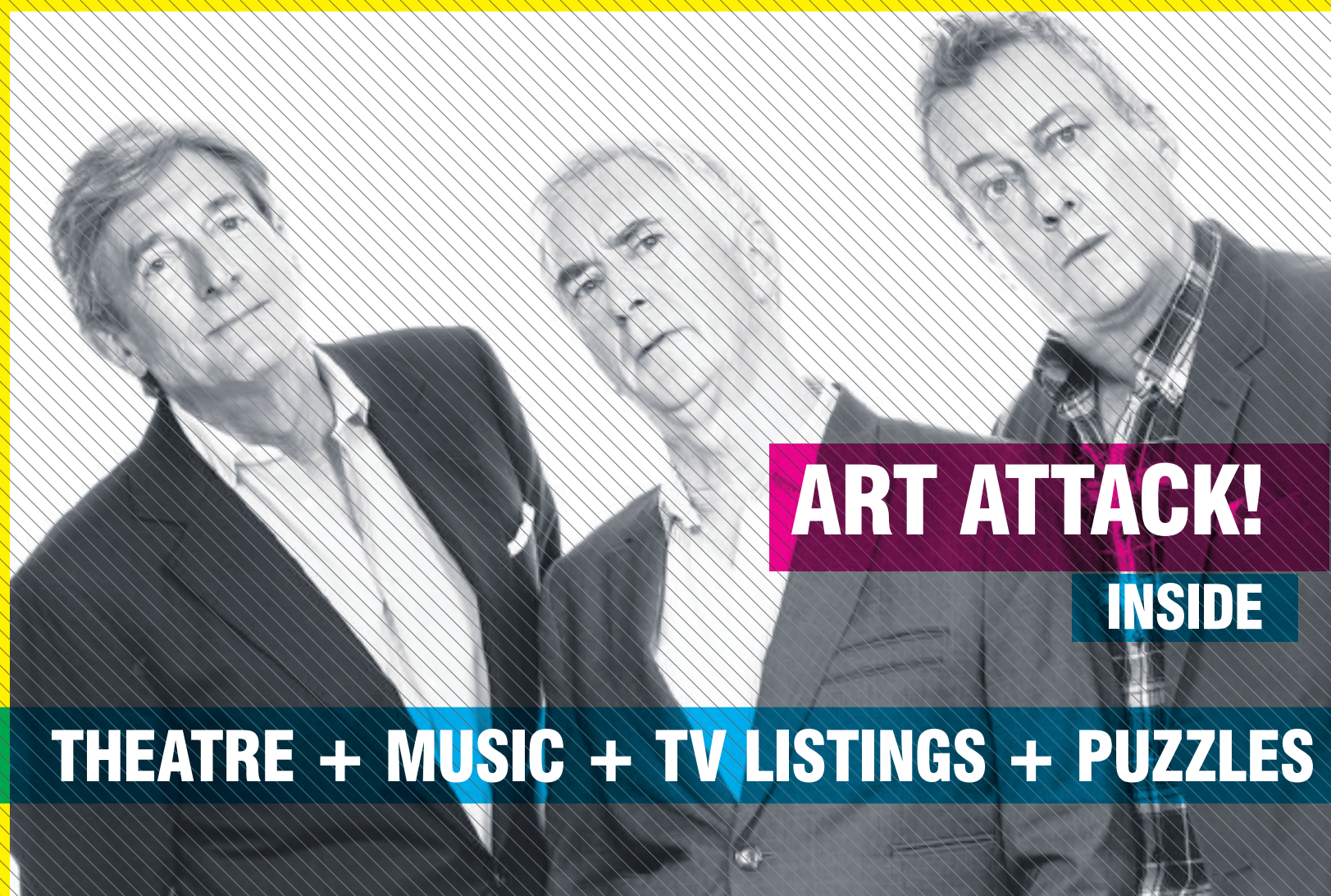
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# There's an Art to making a top play

**T**hey've known each other for around 20 years. So for Stephen Tompkinson, Nigel Havers and Denis Lawson, lining up in a major production of Yasmina Reza's Olivier, Tony and Moliere award-winning comedy *Art*, translated by Christopher Hampton, is an absolute joy to behold.

The show reaches Birmingham Hippodrome from Monday to May 26 as part of a major tour. And audiences are in for a treat.

Stephen says: "We've had a very positive reaction so far. We've known each other for 20 years and we're playing characters whose friendship is supposed to have lasted for 25 years. It's a very enjoyable part to play."

Stephen's television credits include five series of *DCI Banks*, four series of *Trollied*, seven series of *Wild at Heart*, six series of *Drop the Dead Donkey* (British Comedy Award Winner for Best TV Comedy Actor) and three series of *Ballykissangel* while his films include *Phil in Brassed Off*. His theatre work includes *Spamalot*, *Rattle of a Simple Man* and *Arsenic and Old Lace* in the West End, *Cloaca* (Old Vic) and *Tartuffe* (National Tour).

*Art* is a particular favourite of Tompkinson, however. He first read the script 18 years ago and saw the original production with Ken Stott, Tom Courtenay and Albert Finney.

"I came into the play about two years after that and funnily enough Nigel was in the adjoining rehearsal space doing a version that was about to go out on tour.

## FORTUNE

"*Art* deals with three Parisian friends. One buys a white canvass, or so it seems, but if you look at it more closely you can see there's more layers to it. He's paid a small fortune for it.

"His other friend, Mark, played by Dennis, hates the painting and thinks he's lost his marbles. My character is in the middle trying to placate them."

Stephen has loved the play since day one. "I was dazzled when I saw the first night of the play. There was a magic chemistry between the three actors because the writing was so good.

"Nigel's done it a few times before - he'll have played it more than 800 times by the end of the run. And Dennis was the only one who was new to it. He came in on the first day of rehearsal and knew every single line because he assumed we would have known it inside out having played it before. As it turned out, he was the only one who was word perfect and Nigel and I were surprising how quickly we'd forgotten. We only had 2-and-a-half weeks to rehearse it."

Stephen says the show changes from town to town as different audiences react to it.

"In many ways, the audiences teach you the play. They teach you where the laughs are and where to take your time a bit more. It's different every night. It keeps you on your toes. It's an hour and 20 straight through with no interval. Once the train leaves the station it goes off at a rate of knots. The three of us sit down and have a debrief after a show because it's always changing and developing, so there are slightly new things coming to it and we run those by each other."

Though Stephen has spent much time in TV and film, he enjoys the thrill of live performance. Being on the road is a thrill.

"I love being on the road. It's a great way to see the country and most of my days are free.

"The variety is what keeps me going. I do enjoy it. I started in radio and moved into TV. If you haven't done theatre for a long time you miss it and it's a different set of acting muscles. You're reliant on the comedy in this piece."

His greatest film role was *Brassed Off*, in which he starred opposite his great friend, the Oscar-nominated

Chemistry - Stephen, Nigel and Denis in the award-winning *Art*



Shropshire actor Pete Postlethwaite. He has only the fondest of memories. "I did my first TV with him as well, which was tales of *Sherwood Forest*. Then I think when the opportunity came up to do my first feature film, *Brassed Off*, Pete put a word in and we ended up as father and son. There was a tremendous honesty about his performances. When it was just he and I sharing a scene, you could stare into Pete's face and he could make everything else disappear."

The new version of *Art* is being produced by David Pugh and Dafydd Rogers and Pugh says it's an honour to get to grips with the world-leading show.

He says: "It is 20 years since Dafydd [Rogers] and I first produced the comedy masterpiece *ART* in the West End, and the original post-London tour played for 78 weeks. This time, we want to break our own record; in fact, we want to play as many theatres as Sir Ken Dodd has played in his wonderful career, and with this marvellous cast, we think we have every chance."

Nigel Havers's films include *Chariots of Fire*, *A Passage to India*, *Empire of the Sun* and *The Whistle Blower*. He has starred in many television productions, including *The Charmer*, *Dangerfield*, *Manchild*, and, more recently, the hit US series *Brothers and Sisters*, *Lewis Archer* in *Coronation Street*, *Benidorm* and *Lord Hepworth* in *Downton Abbey*.

Denis Lawson is known for his roles as John Jarndyce in the BBC's adaptation of *Bleak House*, for which he

*There was a magic chemistry between the three actors... the writing's good*

was nominated for an EMMY award, and as DI Steve McAndrew in BBC One's hit series *New Tricks*. In film, his notable credits include the roles of Gordon Urquhart in the film *Local Hero* and Wedge Antilles in the original *Star Wars* trilogy. On stage, he won an Olivier Award for Best Actor in a Musical for his performance as Jim Lancaster in *Mr Cinders* at the Fortune Theatre, and he was nominated for an Olivier for his performance as George in *La Cages Aux Folles* at the Playhouse Theatre.

Andy Richardson

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Legally Blonde The Musical



# OMG, you guys, this show has got blonde ambition

A star cast features in a smash hit West End musical that will have audiences saying 'oh my God you guys' at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre next week.

Legally Blonde The Musical is based on a novel by Amanda Brown that was adapted into a movie starring Reese Witherspoon in 2001.

It tells the tale of a beautiful and popular sorority sister Elle Woods who loves to be pampered and is passionate about pink.

But when she is dumped by her boyfriend Warner Huntington III for a more serious girlfriend she puts down the credit cards and picks up the books. Packing up her trusty pooch, Bruiser, she bags herself a place at the prestigious Harvard Law School to try to win him

back. With the support of her new friends she learns that you can be both smart and fashionable.

Star of the show as Elle is Lucie Jones, who represented the UK at last year's Eurovision Song Contest with Never Give Up On You and recently starred as Maureen in the 20th anniversary tour of Rent. She has played Elle Woods before in the Leicester Curve production and was a finalist in the 2009 series of The X Factor.

Alongside her playing Paulette Bonafonte, is Rita Simons, best known as EastEnders' Roxy Mitchell. Professor Callahan is played by Bill Ward who is a familiar face from both Emmerdale and Coronation Street. Legally Blonde The Musical runs at the Alex from Monday to Saturday.

# Singer Scott free to make new start



THE horizon has changed dramatically since Wolverhampton's Ivor Novello-Award Winning singer-songwriter Scott Matthews broke through with the release of his first album, *Passing Stranger*, in 2006.

He's toured the world, been lauded by critics and become a pal of Robert Plant and Foo Fighters' Dave Grohl. His breakout single, *Elusive*, earned him a battalion of fans, won awards and saw him signed to one of the UK's biggest record labels.

These days he does things differently. He makes his music in the shed at the bottom of his garden and his record company is no longer Island - it's his own appropriately-named Shedio Records. He's taken back control.

Matthews will headline Birmingham's St Paul's Church in the Jewellery Quarter on Sunday, following the release of his new album, *The Great Untold*. The record follows his recent *Home I* and *Home II* sequence and marks the dawn of a new era for the performer. On his sixth record, Matthews has created songs that are audacious in their simplicity.

The richness in Matthews' new work comes from subtle playing and mellifluous melodies. He has improved again.

In many ways, *The Great Untold* is the start of a new era for Matthews, the star of bluesy acoustica has refined his craft.

He said: "It can be a very isolating existence to sit in pitch black at the bottom of the garden recording songs when everyone has gone to bed. But to know you have the fans with you every step, always encouraging and asking what's going on, makes a huge difference"

# Gaz's new album is a bit of Alright

Former Supergrass frontman Gaz Coombes is back with his third solo album, *World's Strongest Man*, which is positive proof that Noel Gallagher isn't the only Britpop veteran still making great music.

The follow-up to 2015's *Matador* sees Coombes genre hop between sublime pop, driving motorik rock and funky soul with songs that run the gamut from the raucous raw to blissed-out psychedelia. The Oxford-born singer-songwriter has a gig at Birmingham's O2 Institute 2 in Digbeth on Monday.



# Let musical lift you up where you belong

Theatre highlights - apart from *Art* (see left) and *Legally Blonde The Musical* (above) - include *An Officer and a Gentleman The Musical* at Birmingham Hippodrome until Saturday. Based on the romantic Richard Gere movie, the feel-good 1980s pop hits promise to let love lift you up where you belong. A quartet of classical musicians and quartet of actors - including Cathy Tyson (*Band of Gold/Mona Lisa*) and Miltos Yerolemos (*Game of Thrones/Murder on the Orient Express*) - unite in *The String Quartet's Guide To Sex And Anxiety*, a challenging new production from radical Spanish director Calixto Bieito at Birmingham Rep until Saturday. Grand Arena Youth Theatre presents *Delivered Dozen: A Miners' Tale*, the true story of a Victorian Black Country mining disaster at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre on Tuesday.

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Prince Harry and Meghan Markle

**The Royal Wedding: Prince Harry and Meghan Markle (BBC1, 9am)**  
Kirsty Young, Huw Edwards and Dermot O'Leary present live coverage of the ceremony, which takes place at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. Following the service, the newlyweds will begin their celebrations with a carriage procession around the streets of Windsor, accompanied by soldiers from the Mounted Regiment of the Household Cavalry, where thousands will be cheering them on. Tina Daheley, Alex Jones, Ore Oduba and Anita Rani will be on hand to capture all the stories and reactions on a day of national celebration.

BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** The Royal Wedding: Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. **2.00** Football Focus. **3.00** Mourinho & Manchester, United. **3.20** FA Cup. The Road To Wembley. (R) **3.50** BBC News. **4.00** Regional Programme. **4.10** Match of the Day Live: The FA Cup. All the build-up to today's final. **5.00** Match of the Day Live: The FA Cup. Chelsea v Manchester United (Kick-off 5.15pm).  
**7.40** **Pointless Celebrities.** Rich Hall, Shappi Khorsandi, Sian Lloyd, Fred MacAulay, Mark King, Stuart Maconie, Chenny Alcott and Amy Williams all take part in the unorthodox general knowledge quiz show. (R)  
**8.30** **Casualty.** Iain and Sam receive a sharp greeting from unconventional new operations manager Jan Jennings. Ethan and Connie clash over the low staff levels resulting from Bea's resignation.  
**9.20** **All Round to Mrs Brown's.** New series. Mrs Brown's Boys creator, writer and star Brendan O'Carroll dons Agnes's famous cardigan and curlers once again, throwing open the doors of the larger-than-life Irish matriarch's home to host the Saturday night chat show, filmed in front of a studio audience. In this first episode, Mrs Brown welcomes EastEnders hard-man Danny Dyer, boxer and former I'm a Celebrity contestant Amir Khan, and TV presenter Kate Humble. Music is provided by Tito Jackson, the third-eldest of the legendary Jackson family.  
**10.20** **BBC News:** Weather; National Lottery Update.  
**10.50** **Match of the Day: The FA Cup.** Chelsea v Manchester United. Highlights of the final, which took place at Wembley Stadium, as Antonio Conte and Jose Mourinho's men battled it out for the famous trophy.  
**11.25** **The Button.** Game show set simultaneously in the houses of five UK families, as they compete to win challenges determined by The Button in the comfort of their living rooms. (R)  
**11.55** **Film: The Wedding Video.** (2012) A would-be film-maker decides to document his brother's wedding on video, only to be met by a series of disasters. Comedy, with Rufus Hound and Lucy Punch.  
**1.25** **Weather for the Week Ahead.** **1.30** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.15** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities. (R) **6.40** Naomi's Nightmares of Nature. (R) **7.10** The Pets Factor. **7.30** The Dengineers. **8.00** Absolute Genius Super Tech with Dick & Dom. **8.30** Beyond Bionic. **9.00** Robot Wars. (R) **10.00** Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes? (R) **11.00** SAS: Rogue Warriors. (R) **12.00** **Film: Tron: Legacy.** (2010) Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Jeff Bridges.  
**2.00** The World According to Kids. (R) **3.00** Love in the Countryside. (R) **4.00** Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby. (R) **5.00** The Forest. **5.30** Pangolins - The World's Most Wanted Animal. (R)  
**6.30** **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring's platoon tries to raise money for the local Spitfire fund by having a bash at morris dancing. Classic comedy first broadcast in 1974, starring Arthur Lowe. (R)  
**7.00** **The Royal Wedding: Highlights of the Day.** Kirsty Young, Huw Edwards and Dermot O'Leary reflect on the key moments from today's event. They look back on highlights of the ceremony, the arrival of guests including the Queen and senior members of the Royal Family, and the first glimpse of the bride in her dress. The presenters are joined in the studio by some of those lucky enough to have attended the celebrations, and by those who played a significant part in the day.  
**8.30** **Motty Mastermind.** The retiring football commentator hosts a special edition of the general knowledge quiz, with Alex Scott, Anthony Crolla, Jonathan Pearce, and Mark Foster answering questions.  
**9.00** **Motty - The Man Behind the Sheepskin.** An insight into the career of football commentator John Motson, who is retiring this season after 50 years at the BBC.  
**10.05** **Countdown to the Full Motty.** Gary Lineker presents a selection of John Motson's greatest football commentaries, featuring contributions from players involved in some of those memorable moments.  
**10.35** **Film: The Damned United.** (2009) Fact-based drama chronicling Brian Clough's fraught and controversial 44-day tenure as manager of Leeds United in 1974. Starring Michael Sheen, Timothy Spall and Jim Broadbent.  
**12.05** **Film: False Trail.** (2011) **2.10** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00** CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Super 4. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** The Oddbods Show. (R) **7.05** Star Wars Freemaker Adventures. (R) **7.30** Teen Titans Go! (R) **7.45** Adventure Time. (R) **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. **8.25** Zoe Ball on Saturday. **9.25** Harry and Meghan - The Royal Wedding. **3.00** Tenable. (R) **4.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **5.00** The Chase. (R)  
**6.00** **ITV News:** Weather.  
**6.15** **Regional Programme:** Weather.  
**6.30** **Ninja Warrior UK.** Competitors from across the nation test their strength, speed and courage in part two of the obstacle-course challenge's semi-final, hosted by Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara.  
**7.30** **Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule.** Chef Rosemary Shrager, Radio 2 DJ Liza Tarbuck, Doctor Who's fifth Doctor Peter Davison and X Factor stalwart Louis Walsh join the comedian for the madcap panel show.  
**8.00** **Britain's Got Talent.** Ant and Dec host the sixth audition round of the nationwide talent search, which sees a wide variety of acts, from comedians to contortionists, singers to spoon players, compete to impress Judges Simon Cowell, Alesha Dixon, Amanda Holden and David Walliams. Whomever the quartet choose to send through to the live stages will then be in with a chance of winning a huge cash prize and a coveted slot at the Royal Variety Performance later this year, following in the footsteps of 2017 winner Tokio Myers.  
**9.20** **The Keith & Paddy Picture Show.** Keith Lemon teams up with Paddy McGuinness to remake Steven Spielberg's 1993 classic Jurassic Park, with help from Sian Gibson, Sally Phillips and George Potts. Last in the series.  
**9.50** **ITV News:** Weather.  
**10.20** **Film: Jaws 3.** (1983) A ferocious mother shark comes looking for her dead baby, causing havoc in a Florida marine centre. Thriller sequel, starring Dennis Quaid, Simon MacCorkindale and Louis Gossett Jr.  
**12.15** Change Your Tune. (R) **1.20** Jackpot247. **3.00** Mr Selfridge. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

**6.15** Motor Sport: Volkswagen Racing Cup. **6.40** Mobil 1: The Grid. **7.10** The King of Queens. (R) **7.35** The King of Queens. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.55** The Simpsons. (R) **12.25** The Simpsons. (R) **12.55** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **3.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.30** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.35** The Secret Life of the Zoo. (R)  
**6.30** **Channel 4 News.**  
**7.00** **Grand Designs.** Kevin McCloud meets neurologists Penny Talelli and Mark Edwards, who plan to combine their love of old and contemporary architecture as they transform a derelict Victorian gashouse in London. However, the pair soon find themselves struggling to balance their busy working lives alongside project managing the build. (R)  
**8.00** **Titanic: The New Evidence.** Investigative journalist and Titanic expert Senan Molony examines recently recovered photographs of the doomed ship, which provide fresh insight into the reasons for its sinking. The images reveal a strange mark on the hull, which may prove previously overlooked stories of a fire raging in the boiler room. (R)  
**9.00** **Film: The Martian.** (2015) Premiere. A manned mission to Mars is abruptly abandoned, with one crew member left for dead. However, the astronaut has survived and faces a series of challenges - to contact Earth and arrange his rescue and to survive for the years it will take for a spacecraft to reach him on resources intended to last a month. Ridley Scott's sci-fi drama based on the novel by Andy Weir, starring Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain and Chiwetel Ejiofor.  
**11.50** **Film: Sinister 2.** (2015) Premiere. A mother tries to protect her two sons from an evil spirit, while the ghost of its victims urge the boys to kill. Horror sequel, with Shannyn Sossamon.  
**1.30** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **2.20** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.30** Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star. (R) **5.25** Fifteen to One. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.10** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.45** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.45** Britain's Greatest Bridges. **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **3.00** Harry and Meghan: A Royal Romance. **4.00** Access. **4.05** Harry and Meghan: A Royal Romance. **4.40** 5 News Weekend. **4.45** FIA Formula E Live. The Berlin ePrix.  
**6.30** **Britannia: Secrets of the Royal Yacht.** Part one of two. Rob Bell examines iconic ships that have played significant roles in Britain's maritime and cultural history, beginning with the Royal Yacht Britannia. (R)  
**7.20** **The Queen Mary: Cruising with the Royals.** Part two of two. Rob Bell examines RMS Queen Mary, the most famous ocean liner ever built and the first merchant naval ship ever to have been launched by a reigning sovereign. Built in the throes of the Great Depression, the Queen Mary lifted a nation out of an economic slump and re-established Britain as the greatest shipbuilding nation on Earth. (R)  
**8.20** **Elizabeth I: Battle for the Throne.** Drama-documentary about Elizabeth I, featuring reconstructions of key moments in her reign starring Lily Cole. The first episode follows her rise to the throne. (R)  
**9.20** **Queen Victoria and Her Tragic Family.** New series. Documentary following the story of the monarch after the death of her husband Albert, examining how her children rebelled against their mother one by one.  
**10.20** **Harry and Meghan: A Royal Romance.** Drama telling the love story of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, from the moment they met to their engagement and beyond. (R)  
**11.20** **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip.  
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**12.00** SuperCasino. **3.10** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **4.00** The Snake Skin Woman: Extraordinary People. (R) **4.45** House Doctor. (R) **5.10** Great Artists. (R) **5.35** Wildlife SOS. The work of an animal sanctuary. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Nature's Epic Journeys **8.00** Tales from the Royal Bedchamber **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.50** Sicily: Wonder of the Mediterranean **11.50** Britain's Treasure Islands **12.50** Caravans: A British Love Affair **1.50** Nature's Epic Journeys **2.50** Tales from the Royal Bedchamber **3.50** Close  
**ITV2**  
**11.25** Britain's Got More Talent **12.25** Ninja Warrior UK **1.30** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.35** Film: Peter Pan (2003) **3.40** FYI Daily **3.45** Film: Peter Pan (2003) **4.45** Film: Ella Enchanted (2004) **5.45** FYI Daily **5.50** Film: Ella Enchanted (2004) **6.45** Film: Pacific Rim (2013) **7.45** FYI Daily **7.50** Film: Pacific Rim (2013) **9.20** Britain's Got More Talent **10.20** Celebrity Juice **11.10** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.30** Ploes **2.00** CelebAbility **2.40** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen  
**ITV3**  
**11.00** A Touch of Frost **3.25** Columbo **5.30** Royal Stories **6.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Harry and Meghan - The Royal Wedding **9.40** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Vera **1.00** On the Buses **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping  
**ITV4**  
**1.20** Snooker v Darts **1.30** ITV Racing: Live from Newbury. Ed Chamberlin and Francesca Cumanì present coverage from Newbury and Newmarket. **4.00** Film: 633 Squadron (1964) **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05** Film: 633 Squadron (1964) **6.05** Mr Bean **7.10** Film: Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol (1987) **8.10** FYI Daily **8.15** Film: Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol (1987) **9.00** Film: The Blues Brothers (1980) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** Film: The Blues Brothers (1980) **11.40** Film: Unknown (2011) **12.40** FYI Daily **12.45** Film: Unknown (2011) **1.55** The Avengers **3.00** Teleshopping  
**E4**  
**1.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.10** Young Sheldon **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: Battleship (2012) **10.35** Gogglebox **12.40** The Inbetweeners **1.55** Tattoo Fixers **2.50** Rude Tube **4.10** Rude(ish) Tube **4.35** How I Met Your Mother  
**Film4**  
**11.00** Silent Running (1972) **1.00** Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World (2011) **2.45** Carry On Spying (1964) **4.30** The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising (2007) **6.30** The Fault in Our Stars (2014) **9.00** Ted 2 (2015) **11.15** Gangster No 1 (2000) **1.20** Don't Be Afraid of the Dark (2010) **3.30** Close



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## CHOICE



Ben Whishaw stars

**A Very English Scandal (BBC1, 9pm)**

The last time most viewers saw – or at least heard – Ben Whishaw and Hugh Grant together, it was in 2017's most charming film, Paddington 2. Whishaw provided the voice of the marmalade-loving bear and Grant was the scene-stealing villain, actor Phoenix Buchanan. But now they've reunited for a rather different project as they take the lead roles in the three-part drama *A Very English Scandal*. It's based on the true story of politician Jeremy Thorpe (Grant), who was accused of conspiracy to murder his former lover Norman Scott (Whishaw) – and there isn't a talking bear in sight. For writer Russell T Davies, who adapted the drama from the book by John Preston, it's dream casting.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **8.25** Match of the Day: The FA Cup. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Feel the Spirit – A Jazz Celebration Series for Pentecost. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.10** Points of View. **2.25** Songs of Praise. **3.00** Film: Cinderella. (2015) Romantic fantasy, starring Lily James. **4.35** Britain's Best Home Cook. (R) **5.35** BBC News. **5.50** Regional Programme.

**6.00** **RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2018.** New series. Sophie Raworth and Joe Swift present a preview of the Royal Horticultural Society's event for 2018 and a guide to some of the gardens on display. Nick Knowles presents a special showcase of gardens created to raise awareness on current issues, while Flossie Benjamin introduces a look at an exhibit celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Windrush generation and charting their influence on British culture. Adam Frost and Carol Klein take a look at some of the other entries, revisiting some familiar faces from past shows.

**7.00** **Countryfile.** A round-up of rural reports focused on spring, including Matt Baker visiting a garden designed to celebrate the show's 30th anniversary for this year's Hampton Court Flower Show.

**8.00** **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce presents a second visit to the Black Country Living Museum, where items brought in include a surrealist painting and one of the rarest guns featured on the show.

**9.00** **A Very English Scandal.** New series. Fact-based drama, starring Hugh Grant as Jeremy Thorpe, the leader of the Liberal Party in the 1960s and 1970s who was accused of conspiring to murder his lover.

**10.00** BBC News.

**10.20** Regional Programme.

**10.30** **Imagine: Rupert Everett.** Behind the scenes on the actor's 10-year journey of writing, directing and starring in a film telling the story of Oscar Wilde's last years.

**11.35** **The Women's Football Show.** A look at the biggest issues in the women's game, focusing on matters at both club and international level.

**12.10** Weather for the Week Ahead.

**12.15** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.35** Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **7.20** Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) **7.50** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.50** Countryfile. (R) **9.45** The Beechgrove Garden. (R) **10.15** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.45** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **12.30** Great Manchester Run. **2.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.15** Garden Rescue. (R) **4.00** The World's Most Extraordinary Homes. (R) **5.00** Great Manchester Run Highlights.

**6.00** **Dragons' Den.** The panel assesses the merits of a former bricklayer's mortar-board invention, a mother-of-two's child-tracking device, and a 25-year-old designer's wheelchair accessory. (R)

**7.00** **Million Pound Menu.** Fred Sirieix presents the fine dining challenge which follows people who work in the food business as they seek major investment to launch their own restaurants. (R)

**8.00** **Neanderthals: Meet Your Ancestor.** Part two of two. Archaeologist Ella Al-Shamahi and actor Andy Serkis examine the reasons Neanderthals became extinct, and their surviving influence on modern humans.

**9.00** **Burma with Simon Reeve.** Part two of two. Simon ventures into Burma's highlands, where he attends a fire balloon festival, visits an elephant sanctuary, and goes in search of a rebel army.

**10.00** **Atlanta.** Earn spends all his money to get Paper Boi's song played on the radio, leaving him with no cash for his date with Van. Meanwhile, Alfred and Darius get deeper into the drugs trade.

**10.25** **Atlanta.** Paper Boi becomes agitated by the state of his online profile, and Earn continues to struggle with money troubles. Drama, starring Donald Glover.

**10.50** **Later Weekend with Jools Holland.** Manic Street Preachers perform numbers from their new album, Resistance is Futile. The host also welcomes Boy Azooga, Gvenno, Melissa Laveaux, Ray LaMontagne, and Ben Howard.

**11.50** **Film: Burke & Hare.** (2010) Two 19th-century grave robbers resort to murder to provide a doctor with fresh bodies for his anatomy lectures. Comedy horror, with Simon Pegg and Andy Serkis.

**1.15** Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **2.15** Holby City. (R) **3.15** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Super 4. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** The Oddbods Show. (R) **7.05** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.30** Teen Titans Go! (R) **7.45** Adventure Time. (R) **8.00** The Haunted Hathaways. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Zoe Ball On Sunday. **9.25** Countrywise. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **12.15** Britain's Got More Talent. (R) **1.15** ITV News: Weather. **1.25** Ninja Warrior UK. (R) **2.30** Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs – India. (R) **3.00** Change Your Tune. **4.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **5.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special. (R)

**6.00** **Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule.** Chef Rosemary Shrager, Radio 2 DJ Liza Tarbuck, Doctor Who's fifth Doctor Peter Davison and X Factor stalwart Louis Walsh join the comedian for the madcap panel show. (R)

**6.30** **ITV News:** Weather.

**6.45** **Regional Programme:** Weather.

**7.00** **Little Big Shots.** Dawn French meets a Bavarian musician, an aspiring guitarist and a three-year-old who is the youngest guest to appear on the show.

**8.00** **Midsomer Murders.** Musicians compete for a prestigious award at the annual Thasingham Classical Music Festival – and Barnaby and Winter are called in when the winner is brutally murdered and his priceless violin is stolen. Suspicion rapidly falls on the maestro organising the festival, who had planned to debut his new composition at the event and has stirred up resentment by turning a community festival into a corporate one – while many suspect that the murder is the result of a curse. Guest starring James Fleet and Simon Callow. Last in the series.

**10.00** **ITV News:** Weather.

**10.20** **Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with Allegra Stratton. (R)

**11.20** **This Time Next Year.** Davina McCall meets a wheelchair user who has vowed to walk again. Last in the series. (R)

**12.10** Great Art. (R) **1.00** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. (R) **3.15** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.15** The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** Motor Sport: FIA World Rallycross Championship. **7.35** Eat the Week. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Bake Off: The Professionals. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons. (R) **2.25** The Simpsons. (R) **2.50** Film: Cheaper By the Dozen 2. (2005) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Martin. **4.40** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.40** Grand Designs. (R)

**6.35** **Channel 4 News.**

**7.00** **Christmas at the Chateau.** Dick Strawbridge and Angel Adoree await the arrival of their guests, who are expecting a luxurious Christmas at the chateau. Dick continues work on installing the lift, but the project tests his ingenuity to the limit, while Angel finds more valuables in the attic, including a collection of vinyl records. (R)

**8.00** **Bake Off: The Professionals.** The four remaining teams are challenged to demonstrate their skills with chocolate, and for the first challenge, they must rely on their patisserie knowledge to succeed in a test where the recipe is a secret. They must then produce a showpiece on the theme of masked balls, which must incorporate two types of filled and moulded chocolates and a moving part.

**9.00** **The Handmaid's Tale.** New series. The dystopian drama based on Margaret Atwood's novel returns. Offred reckons with the consequences of a dangerous decision while haunted by memories from her past and the violent beginnings of Gilead.

**10.15** **Gogglebox.** Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)

**11.10** **First Dates.** Butler Kit wants to meet a man who shares his passion for the royal family, and football-mad James hopes to get the royal seal of approval from Kate Middleton lookalike Jodie. (R)

**12.15** **Film: The Perks of Being a Wallflower.** (2012) Coming-of-age drama, starring Logan Lerman. **2.00** Meet the Markles. Amelia Dimoldenberg tries to win herself an invite to Harry and Meghan's wedding. (R) **2.55** Best Laid Plans. (R) **3.50** Gok's Fill Your House for Free. (R) **4.45** Mobli 1: The Grid. (R) **5.10** Fifteen to One. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Little Princess. **6.10** Wissper. (R) **6.20** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.30** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.35** The Secret Life of Puppies. (R) **6.40** Moly. (R) **6.45** Simon. (R) **6.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.00** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.10** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.35** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.45** Rusty Rivets. **8.00** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.15** Nella the Princess Knight. (R) **8.30** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.50** Hoogals. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.30** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** Naughty Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **11.20** Naughty Toddlers Make You Laugh Out Loud. **12.20** Funnies Ever Crazy Cats. (R) **1.20** Film: Garfield. (2004) **2.20** Access. **2.25** Film: Garfield. (2004) Concluded. **2.55** Film: Batteries Not Included. (1987) **3.55** 5 News Update. **4.00** Film: Batteries Not Included. (1987) Concluded. **5.05** Film: The Lego Movie. (2014)

**6.05** Access. Showbiz news and gossip.

**6.10** **Film: The Lego Movie.** (2014) Concluded.

**7.00** **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away!** In Bedfordshire, agents Paul and Steve try to evict a community of travellers who have set up home in a private car park. Elsewhere, Stewart and Elmore chase a debt of over £3,000. (R)

**7.55** 5 News Update.

**8.00** **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away!** The enforcement agents try to mediate a dispute in a takeaway, and deal with rent evaders living in potentially deadly conditions. Plus, a businessman faces ruin. (R)

**8.55** 5 News Weekend.

**9.00** **Top of the Box 1985 with Matthew Kelly.** New series. The presenter takes a look back at the most popular TV from a past year, beginning with 1985, featuring 'Allo 'Allo!, Bullseye, Name that Tune and Crossroads.

**11.00** **Film: Role Models.** (2008) After a brush with the law, two irresponsible men have to look after troubled kids as community service. Comedy, with Paul Rudd, Seann William Scott and Christopher Mintz-Plasse.

**1.05** SuperCasino. **3.10** The Yorkshire Vet. (R) **4.00** Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink. (R) **4.45** House Doctor. (R) **5.10** Great Artists. (R) **5.55** Wildlife SOS. (R)

## DIGITAL

## BBC Four

**7.00** Atlantis – The Evidence **8.00** How to Build a Nuclear Submarine **9.00** The Greatest Tomb On Earth: Secrets of Ancient China **10.00** Dina **11.35** British Gardens in Time: Great Divider **12.35** Science and Islam **1.35** Atlantis – The Evidence **2.35** How to Build a Nuclear Submarine **3.35** Close

## ITV2

**11.35** Take Me Out Celebrity Special **12.40** Film: Peter Pan (2003) **1.40** FYI Daily **1.45** Film: Peter Pan (2003) **2.50** You've Been Framed! Gold Top 100 Weddings **3.50** Britain's Got Talent **5.05** Britain's Got More Talent **6.05** Film: Johnny English Reborn (2011) **7.05** FYI Daily **7.10** Film: Johnny English Reborn (2011) **8.00** Film: Jurassic World (2015) **10.25** Family Guy **11.55** American Dad! **12.50** The Cleveland Show **1.20** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

## ITV3

**5.00** Harry and Meghan – The Royal Wedding **6.00** Lewis **8.00** Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs **9.00** Joanna Lumley's Japan **10.00** Cilla **11.00** Wire in the Blood **1.10** Blue Murder **2.25** Liverpool 1 **3.20** Road to Avonlea **5.00** George and Mildred **5.50** ITV3 Nightscreen

## ITV4

**11.15** Live British Touring Car Championship. Coverage of round three from Thruxton. **6.00** UEFA European U17 Championship Live. Coverage of the final (Kick-off 6.15pm). **8.30** River Monsters **9.00** Film: Green Zone (2010) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** Film: Green Zone (2010) **11.15** Film: Tango & Cash (1989) **12.15** FYI Daily **1.30** Film: Tango & Cash (1989) **1.25** Minder **2.30** Tommy Cooper **3.00** Teleshopping

## E4

**12.00** Film: Ever After: A Cinderella Story (1998) **2.30** The Goldbergs **3.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.30** Young Sheldon **4.00** The Big Bang Theory: Shamy's Story **8.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. **10.00** Film: The Purge (2013) **11.40** The Inbetweeners **12.55** The Big Bang Theory **1.50** Rude Tube **2.50** Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. **3.40** Hollyoaks

## Film4

**11.00** ParaNorman (2012) **1.00** The Rugrats Movie (1999) **2.35** Dunston Checks In (1996) **4.20** The Dam Busters (1955) **6.50** Paper Towns (2015) **9.00** The Heat (2013) **11.20** Extract (2010) **1.10** The Second Mother (2015) **3.30** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

**Murder, She Baked: Just Desserts, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
Amateur sleuth Hannah Swensen is thrilled when she is chosen as a guest expert for the first Eden Lake Dessert Bake-Off, but when fellow judge Leonard Bishop is found murdered, she once again takes it upon herself to find herself to find the killer. Mystery, starring Alison Sweeney, (2017)

TUESDAY

**Fatal Performance, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
An aspiring actress, working as a waitress, is offered a lucrative contract to impersonate the wife of a businessman during a prestigious reception event in their home. Thriller, starring Nicholle Tom, (2013)

WEDNESDAY

**Hummingbird, Channel 5, 11pm**  
A haunted special forces soldier returns to London from Afghanistan and assumes another man's identity, hoping to make a fresh start. He is drawn into the city's criminal underworld, and plots revenge against the gangster who killed his girlfriend. Crime thriller, with Jason Statham and Agata Buzek, (2013)



Hummingbird, Wednesday, Channel 5, 11pm

THURSDAY

**Killer Switch, Channel 5, 3.20pm**  
A woman accidentally picks up the wrong suitcase from the airport baggage reclaim on her way to her daughter's graduation. Later, she receives a phone call from a man claiming he will harm her daughter if she fails to follow his instructions to return his suitcase. Thriller, starring Jamie Luner, (2016)

FRIDAY

**Stranger in the House, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
Newlywed Jade returns from her honeymoon to discover her recently widowed father has been seduced by the caregiver she hired to look after him in her absence. The strange situation becomes even more suspicious when Jade's dad suddenly dies from a fall, and when the young woman finds out her new step-mother is the sole beneficiary of a recently amended will, she becomes convinced a murder has taken place. Thriller, with Emmanuelle Vaugier, (2016)

## Marking 70 years of the National Health Service

On July 5, 1948, the Labour Government's Health Secretary Aneurin Bevan launched the National Health Service at Park Hospital in Manchester.

It was the climax of a hugely ambitious plan to bring good healthcare to all, cradle to grave.

For the first time, hospitals, doctors, nurses, pharmacists, opticians and dentists were brought together under one umbrella organisation to provide services that are free for all at the point of delivery.

Today, the NHS in England and Wales is one of the largest employers in the world, employing around 1.3 million people – approximately one in 23 of the working population.

Each month, 23 million people visit their GP surgery or practice nurse, and in a typical week, 1.4 million people will receive help in their home from the service.

NHS ambulances make over 50,000 emergency journeys each

week, while NHS 111 handles 20,000 calls a day or eight million a year.

The UK's first heart transplant took place in May 1968 at the National Heart Hospital in Marylebone, London, while 10 years later, the world's first test-tube baby Louise Joy Brown was born at Oldham General Hospital.

However, there have also been setbacks, and during this century alone there have been outbreaks of MRSA and Clostridium difficile, growing waiting lists and the Alder Hey organs scandal.

Nevertheless, one thing's for sure, we all owe a massive debt to the devoted medics and staff who make a massive difference to our lives every day.

And to mark the NHS's 70th anniversary this summer, Paul O'Grady is hosting a glittering awards show at London's Hilton Park Lane tonight.

Major stars from the worlds of showbiz, sport and politics, including Prince William, the

Duchess of Cornwall, Elton John, Shirley Bassey, Simon Cowell, Tom Jones, Amanda Holden and Boy George will be in attendance, as the people who have made the service what it is are celebrated.

"We've all experienced the NHS at some stage, myself included," O'Grady admits.

"I'm thrilled and delighted to be hosting the new NHS Heroes Awards as this wonderful institution celebrates its 70th year.

"We will be honouring the incredible medical staff and also the dedicated work of porters, cleaners and of course the army of volunteers without whom the NHS could not function."

As NHS England chief executive Simon Stevens explains, the evening should be a fitting way to pay honour to the unsung heroes: "It's great that the Mirror and ITV have come together to pay tribute to NHS staff in this, our 70th anniversary year.

"There has never been a better time to recognise the extraordinary care they deliver every day."

## PICK OF THE WEEK



Paul O'Grady hosts The NHS Heroes Awards, Monday, ITV, 8.30pm

## BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

**Manchester: A Year of Hate Crimes Channel 4, 10.35pm**

Documentary filmed over the past year in Greater Manchester at a time when the city experienced its worst terror attack in living memory – the Manchester Arena bombing. The fallout from that added to existing tensions in one of the country's most multicultural regions and this programme takes viewers to the frontline of racial and religious hatred as police officers respond to hundreds of reports a month, and also hears from community leaders attempting to deal with abuse and heal the divides.

TUESDAY

**Love Your Garden: NHS Special ITV, 8pm**

Alan Titchmarsh and his team create a garden for the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. This gargantuan effort is in response to letters from young patients, some of whom were victims of the nearby Manchester Arena bombing, requesting an outdoor space for patients, families and staff to seek respite in. The host meets the youngsters who wrote to him, some with life-threatening conditions and others like Lily Harrison who was treated by the hospital after receiving shrapnel wounds at the Ariana Grande concert a year ago.

**Manchester: The Night of the Bomb BBC2, 9pm**

May 22nd, 2017 should have been a peaceful spring night for music lovers desperate to see their idol. Then a Manchester-born man detonated a homemade bomb at an Ariana Grande pop concert, killing 22 people and himself. The atrocity at Manchester Arena was Britain's deadliest terrorist attack since the London bombings of July 7, 2005. In this moving documentary, cameras reveal the story of that night through the eyes of teenage girls who survived the attack and key members of the emergency services.

WEDNESDAY

**The Secret Life of the Zoo Channel 4, 8pm**

In the final episode of the series, keepers prepare for the difficult task of transporting Giraffe Kidepo to a new zoo, and Kidepo's brother Narus is not making the move any easier. Meanwhile, silvery gibbon Alvin is keen to get close to his partner Tilu again, and after diving headfirst into an empty pool one too many times, keepers decide a trip to the vet is in order for caiman lizard Gary to

see if there is an underlying problem. Elsewhere, dominant warthog Magnum is being challenged by fellow warthog Dobby, so keepers decide it is time to move Dobby to a zoo in Germany.

THURSDAY

**Channel 4, 9pm**

Continuing the sci-fi drama set in a parallel world where synthetic humanoids try to live side by side with real people. Following a police raid at the Railyard, a grieving Max must deal with the fallout of his life-or-death decision – and things only get more difficult for the leader when rebel Synth Agnes begins an anti-human campaign. Laura discovers a secret operation that could threaten Synth survival. Leo's recovery takes a surprising turn and Joe discovers Karen and Sam's secret – has their cover been blown?



High & Dry, Friday, Channel 4, 10.30pm

FRIDAY

**The Bridge BBC2, 9pm**

Swedish journalist and radical left-wing expert Richard Dahlqvist broadcasts live on the internet, denying Red October's involvement in the murder. Saga and Henrik question him, finding what he says is wide of the truth. They also continue to question Taarq, though finding him unwilling to cooperate form a plan to expose him. The duo search the homeless Danish girls' hiding place, finding evidence that directs them to new lead. Scandinavian crime drama, in Danish and Swedish, starring Sofia Helin and Thure Lindhardt.

**High & Dry Channel 4, 10.30pm**

As we reach the fourth episode of Marc Wootton's sitcom, it's clear that the tropical island that our castaways are stranded on is no paradise. Yet Brett (Wootton) is shocked this week to discover that Doug (Harry Peacock) would still like to be rescued and is planning to build a raft to reach what he thinks is a nearby inhabited island, as spied through the telescopic lens on a salvaged camera. Meanwhile, Susan (Grace Rex) has just been spurned by Douglas – can Brett take advantage of her vulnerable state.



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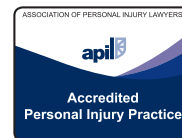
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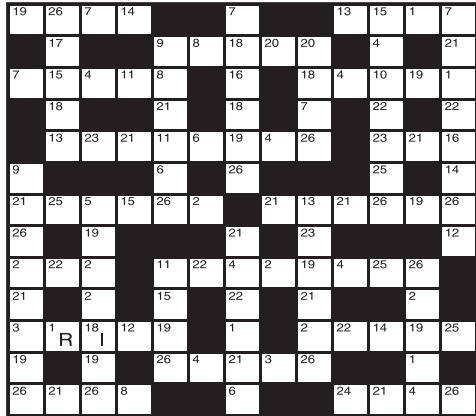


## BRAIN GYM

No.480

## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
A	J	D	G	Q	M	C	E	Y	B	V	K	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
N	F	T	L	H	X	O	I	S	P	U	W	R

## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

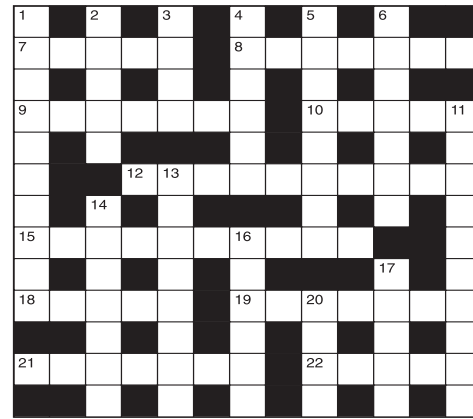
## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

7. No reverse charge for a cause of tears (5)
8. Difficulty of initially taking Russian money (7)
9. Present at present, but not in any place (7)
10. He apparently marks his choice wrong (5)
12. Compels to study 4s (10)
15. He has lots to sell (10)
18. Top of 4 cut off hair (5)
19. Ruth upset general (7)
21. Study kind husband (7)
22. Consumed some of the fare at English hotel (5)

## Down

1. Neutralise what the shopkeeper did? (10)
2. What wives think? (5)
3. 100 in 1 x 1 (4)
4. Accent obvious in tension? (6)
5. The opposite of 'to study poetry'? (8)
6. To the sailor, it's an awful thing not to indulge (7)
11. Nature's art as found in eating place (10)
13. Errand for nothing, perhaps, was an oversight (8)
14. Shows films behind which one may hide (7)
16. Deny entrance to the north-east (6)
17. In which more than one become one (5)
20. Paradise - an oriental vice-spot (4)



## Quick Clues:

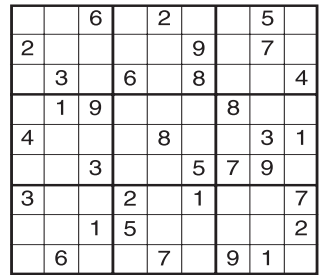
## Across

7. Drone (5)
8. Vocation (7)
9. Frequenter (7)
10. Very swift (5)
12. Insignificance (10)
15. Artifice (10)
18. Cede (5)
19. Voter (7)
21. Narration (7)
22. Fluctuation (5)

## Down

1. Falsehood (10)
2. Sphere (5)
3. Worry (4)
4. Receive (6)
5. Ominous (8)
6. Easier (7)
11. Deter (10)
13. Tale (8)
14. Non-attendance (7)
16. Weak (6)
17. Blemish (5)
20. Otherwise (4)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;

9	5	3	1	7	8	6	2	4
7	8	6	3	2	4	9	5	1
4	1	2	9	6	5	3	8	7
1	6	7	2	3	9	5	4	8
2	4	8	5	1	6	7	3	9
3	9	5	4	8	7	2	1	6
6	3	4	7	5	1	8	9	2
5	7	9	8	4	2	1	6	3
8	2	1	6	9	3	4	7	5

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
 CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Cast about; 8 Hoe; 9 Redoubtable; 11 Eastern; 12 Their; 13 Utopia; 15 Instep; 17 Aunts; 18 Therapy; 20 Cold-hearted; 22 Off; 23 Nurseries. Down: 2 Awe; 3 Amuse; 4 Outing; 5 Tibetan; 6 The best part; 7 Geography; 10 Disconnects; 11 Education; 14 Insulin; 16 Etcher; 19 Erase; 21 Eve.  
 QUICK - Across: 1 Impotence; 8 Own; 9 Inclination; 11 Abridge; 12 Odour; 13 Crowds; 15 Device; 17 Spool; 18 Mistake; 20 Advancement; 22 Out; 23 Restfully. Down: 2 Man; 3 Tried; 4 Nearer; 5 Episode; 6 Consolidate; 7 Interfere; 10 Corroborate; 11 Accession; 14 Deliver; 16 Amend; 19 Shelf; 21 Nil.

## Quiz

1. How many players are there in a Rugby League team?
2. Which island's parliament is called the Chief Pleas?
3. Who plays David Brent in the BBC sitcom 'The Office'?
4. Who was the last viceroy of India?
5. Which former political leader's first names are Jeremy John Durham?
6. Whose novel 'Dr Zhivago' was first

7. published in Italy in 1957?
8. What type of animal is a tarsier?
9. What is the meaning of the title of Wagner's opera 'Götterdämmerung'?
10. Which volcano's name is Aztec for 'smoking mountain'?
11. Which disease used to be called consumption?

## Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Suffolk; 2 Gooseberry; 3 Humber Bridge; 4 Bud Flanagan; 5 Asgard; 6 Tony Booth; 7 Basingstoke; 8 Blackbird; 9 Rome; 10 Genetics.  
 Niner: DEFIANTLY

## Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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gives a fish,  
 gives shellfish,  
 gives an amphibian.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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# Blockbuster you don't want to miss

IT used to be a movie rental shop. Now it is a blockbusting Asian restaurant.

Under the direction of Ruhel Ahmed, Panshi has made a real impact since it premiered at the former Blockbuster store in Hayes Way, Heath Hayes, next to Tesco, around 15 months ago.

Ruhel is the leading man, taking centre stage with a team of around 10, many of them family members. The scene was set back in 1980, when Ruhel's family first entered the industry. Ruhel himself has more than 20 years' experience under his belt, and has an accolade to his name, winning a Curry Chef of the Year award for excellence at the World Curry Expo in 2012/13.

Changes have been made since the spacious restaurant opened, with Ruhel's latest big budget production to install a central partition, with gentle, but exquisite lighting. There are booths for privacy, as well as round tables to seat a party of up to 50 diners among the 160 covers.

## SPILLAGES

What I particularly like about the Panshi is that there are no cumbersome tablecloths. The bare tables mean any spillages can just be wiped away without having to focus on messy material for the duration of the meal. Of course, this also makes it easier to get in and out without the worry of getting tangled in the tablecloth or pulling it away.

The menu features many exclusive items, as well as specials and chef's recommendations, with credits including beef dishes only available at Panshi. Ruhel takes immense pride in these creations, which take top billing.

"I love creating. And I know that you cannot find these dishes anywhere else," he said.

That would apply to my own main course. We skipped

Sizzling - the punchy Panshi Grilled Deluxe



The restaurant's interior with its central partition



starters, opting just for poppadoms, before I then took a punt on the Panshi Grilled Deluxe, with its assembled cast of tandoori chicken, lamb tikka and sheek kebab, served in a sizzling sauce that Ruhel himself is responsible for. The heat was overpowering, and left me, temporary at least – and to my partner's delight – speechless as the fumes hit me.

Often when food is so hot, it takes away the flavour. However, this was simply exquisite, with chunky, tender, pieces of meat accompanied by a tasty sauce, although Ruhel would not give away any trade secrets and tell

me what the secret ingredient was. It is well worth discovering, though. But, take one cold drink at least to douse to fire inside.

Sharon chose the makkon chicken curry, which she assured me compared more than favourably with others she had tried.

Ruhel added he was forever looking to enhance his customers' experience. "We are always trying to improve our customer service and give better quality and presentation," he said.

Despite this, Panshi is proving a box-office hit, with

a regular clientele and theme nights that also bring the customers in. They also supply outdoor catering.

Our visit was relatively early on a Thursday, yet there were already plenty of diners trying to get a prime seat.

The epilogue for me was a pina colada dessert, of coconut and pineapple ice cream. We'll no doubt be back for a sequel.

Panshi is open seven days a week from 5pm and is fully licensed. Call 01543 277877 or visit [www.panshicannock.com](http://www.panshicannock.com)

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# PROPERTY

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## Bungalow with large garden and no chain

Set in a leafy area, 2 Chadsfield Road, Rugeley, is arguably one of the finest bungalows in Rugeley within walking distance of town.

Positioned on a large mature garden plot, it is for sale through JR Properties at £340,000 with no upward chain.

The plot has two driveway entrances providing plenty of off-road parking and has private formal gardens to three sides.

Internal inspection is highly recommended and the bungalow is ripe for further improvement and offers lots of potential.

Its accommodation briefly comprises a large impressive entrance hallway with a double door opening to storage space and a door to the lounge.

The lounge is a good-sized room with an electric fire with a feature surround, two double glazed windows to the side and front, and double doors to the dining room.

The dining room has a double glazed window to the side and a door to the kitchen.

Having a range of wall and base-mounted units with work surfaces over, the kitchen has an inset sink and drainer, space for appliances and a door to the carport.

Bedroom one has a double glazed window to the front and fitted wardrobes, while bedroom two has fitted wardrobes. The shower room has a walk-in shower cubicle, a wash hand basin, heated towel rail and tiling and there is a separate WC.

The garage has an electric up and over door and power and lighting.

The property sits on a large corner plot with plenty of parking. The front garden is mainly laid to lawn with well-stocked mature borders. The rear garden is private and laid mainly to paved pathways and patio areas. There is also a garden shed.

RUGELEY £340,000



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## Ideal family home with landscaped rear garden

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**£245,000**

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An ideal family home, it is for sale through Chase Independent at £245,000. It has a reception hall, a guest WC, a spacious family lounge, a dining room, a modern kitchen, four bedrooms, master en-suite and a family bathroom.

Outside to the front of the property there is a driveway providing ample parking and leads to the garage, a lawn, pathway leading to canopy entrance and gated side access to rear. There is a landscaped south facing private rear garden with lawn, display borders, a paved patio area and a decked patio area.

Contact Chase Independent on 01543 504234.



## Four-bedroom executive home is spacious and well presented

**CANNOCK**  
**£260,000**

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**An impressive executive-style modern detached home in Burgoyne Street, Cannock, is for sale through Marwood Homes at £260,000.**

Being well presented and having generously proportioned accommodation with four good-sized bedrooms, viewings are being highly recommended.

To the front, the property is situated in a desirable position behind an attractive concrete block print drive providing ample parking provision. There is a landscaped garden with a variety of established shrubs, enclosed by a feature brick wall with wrought iron railings and matching gates.

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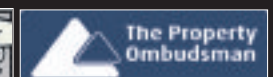
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- Refitted Bathroom
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- Utility Room
- Garage
- Enclosed Rear Garden

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**NEW** **CANNOCK**  
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- Kitchen,
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- Bathroom.
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- Driveway
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- Study
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- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Driveway
- Sought After Location
- Viewing Essential

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**ADAM COURT NEW PENKRIDGE ROAD**

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- Spacious Lounge
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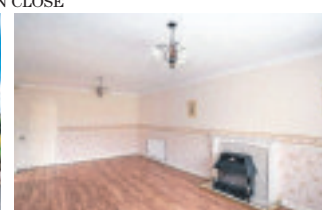
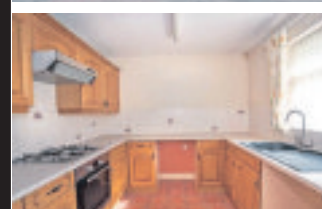
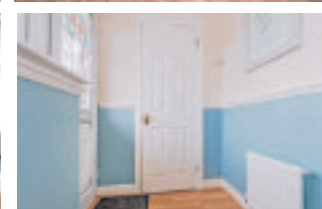
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**HAYCOCK ROAD**




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- Spacious Lounge Diner
- Modern Kitchen
- Guest Wc
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces
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**NEW** **HUNTINGTON**  
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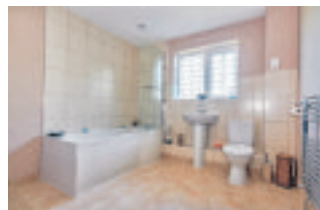
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- Utility And Boot Room
- Guest Wc
- Three Bedroom
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NEW

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- Four Bedrooms
- Refitted Family Bathroom
- Spacious Lounge Diner
- Integral Garage
- Driveway
- Viewing Is Essential

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NEW

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- Wow
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- Underfloor Heating
- Sought After Village Location
- Dressing Area And En-suite
- Garage
- Rural Location
- Viewing Essential

**\$285,000**

NEW

**CANNOCK**  
BRAMWELL DRIVE

- Modern Two Bedroom Coach House
- Open Plan Living And Kitchen Area
- Family Bathroom
- Garage Access To Garden
- Block Paved Driveway
- Exclusive Development
- Close To Hednesford Town Centre
- Finished To A High Standard
- Viewing Essential

**\$147,000**

NEW

**HEDNESFORD**  
SPRINGFIELD RISE

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Quiet Cul-de-sac Location
- Driveway To The

**\$160,000****WALTON ON THE HILL,**  
WILLOW CLOSE

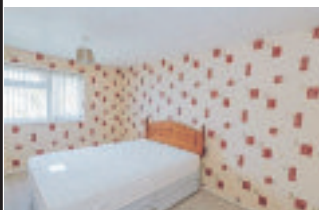
- Deceptively Spacious
- Three Bedrooms
- Sought After Location
- Excellent School
- Catchment
- Lounge
- P Shaped Conservatory
- Tandem Garage

**\$250,000****WIMBLEBURY**  
BRISBANE WAY

- Executive Detached
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Master Bedroom
- Dressing Room
- En-suite Bathroom
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory, Study
- Refitted Kitchen
- Double Garage
- Landscaped Rear Garden

**\$370,000**

NEW

**CANNOCK**  
HANNAFORD WAY

- No Chain
- Deceptively Spacious Apartment
- Hallway,
- Lounge Diner
- Kitchen Diner
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Wet Room
- Separate Wc
- Private Garden With Brick Built Shed
- Communal Gardens And Ample

**\$89,950****CANNOCK**  
GLENCOE DRIVE

- Lounge,
- Breakfast Kitchen,
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Family Bathroom,
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Detached Garage
- Driveway

**\$135,000**

NEW

**HEDNESFORD**  
BRINDLEY HEATH ROAD

- Extended Well Presented Property
- Overlooking Cannock Chase
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Ground Floor Shower Room
- Refitted Breakfast Kitchen

**\$180,000**

NEW

**HEDNESFORD**  
STANLEY ROAD

- Spacious, Extended
- Entrance Porch
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen
- Five Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway
- Garage
- Front And Rear Gardens.

**\$195,000**



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HAMMERWICH, BURNTWOOD ROAD

- Executive Detached 5
- Sought After Location 3
- Five Excellent Bedrooms
- Detached Double Garage

Burntwood Office - £350,000



BURNTWOOD, WESTWOODS HOLLOW

- Well Presented Detached Residence 4
- Conservatory
- En-Suite to Master
- Early Inspection Recommended

Burntwood Office - £275,000



LICHFIELD, NORWICH CLOSE

- Superbly Renovated Semi Detached 3
- Stylish Contemporary Interiors 1
- Beautiful Full Width Dining Kitchen
- No Upward Chain

Great Wyrley Office - £250,000



CHESLYN HAY, BERWYN GROVE

- Detached Bungalow 2
- Corner Position
- Conservatory
- No Upward Chain

Great Wyrley Office - £240,000



CHESLYN HAY, CHASE AVENUE

- Detached Bungalow 2
- Newly Fitted Kitchen 1
- No Upward Chain
- Viewing Highly Recommended

Burntwood Office - £225,000



BURNTWOOD, SPRINGHILL ROAD

- Immaculate Semi-Detached Dormer 3
- Two/Bedroom Bedrooms 2
- Garage
- Popular Location

Great Wyrley Office - £200,000



GREAT WYRLEY, MANOR AVENUE

- Extended Semi-Detached House 3
- Popular Location 1
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Highly Recommended

Burntwood Office - Offers Over £199,950



NORTON CANES, HUSSEY ROAD

- Link Detached House 3
- Three Good Sized Bedrooms 1
- Extensive Block Paved Drive
- Viewing Highly Recommended

Burntwood Office - £175,000



BURNTWOOD, UNION STREET

- Traditional Semi-Detached 2
- Two Double Bedrooms 1
- Off Road Parking
- Potential For Extension

Great Wyrley Office - £165,000



GREAT WYRLEY, BEAUMONT CLOSE

- Semi-Detached House 3
- Sought After Location 1
- No Upward Chain
- Off Road Parking

Great Wyrley Office - £149,950



GREAT WYRLEY, FAIR OAKS DRIVE

- Great Living Accommodation 3
- Corner Plot 1
- Block Paved Drive
- Additional Parking at the rear

Great Wyrley Office - £125,000



GREAT WYRLEY, PADDOCK LANE

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- Enclosed Rear Garde
- No Upward Chain



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Chadsfield Road, Rugeley

£340,000

NEW



● JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to offer for sale arguably one of the finest detached bungalows in Rugeley within walking distance to the town. The bungalow is situated on a large mature garden plot surrounded by similar detached bungalows in a leafy part of the town. The plot has two driveway entrances providing plentiful off road parking and has private formal

West Butts Road, Etching Hill

£385,000

SOLD



● JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to offer for sale this well presented and spacious detached property. The property must be viewed to appreciate many of the features and proportions offered within this traditional family home and accommodation comprises in brief: Hallway, Lounge, Shower Room, Kitchen/ Diner, Garden Room, Utility Room, Four Bedrooms, Main

Bower Lane, Etching Hill

£399,950

SOLD



● JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom detached dormer bungalow. The property sits on an extensive garden plot with open views across countryside to the front and parking for numerous vehicles with its long sweeping driveway. Internally the property boasts hallway, three bedrooms, two reception rooms, kitchen, study, laundry room,

Peakes Road, Etching Hill

£380,000

NEW  
PRICE



● JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to offer for sale this traditional 1930s detached home which sits on a mature plot of over half an acre (approx). The house itself has gas central heating and double glazing with five bedrooms, two reception rooms, kitchen, utility, two bathrooms and double garage. The property offers huge potential within a highly desirable

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Huntsmans Walk, Etching Hill £169,950 Guide Price

STAR  
BUY



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this spacious and well presented link detached home in a popular location. Offered with No Upward Chain comprising of hallway, three bedrooms, kitchen/diner, bathroom and garage. The property is currently Leasehold however the current owners are in the process of purchasing the

Antler Drive, Etching Hill

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this fantastic two bedroom bungalow in Etching Hill with No Upward Chain. The bungalow really is a rare opportunity and sits on a prominent corner plot with gardens to front, rear and side with large sweeping driveway. Internally the bungalow has been updated and refitted to a modern high standard and viewing is highly recommended.

£245,000



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£189,950

NEW



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Salisbury Close, Rugeley

£314,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented and spacious four bedroom detached property situated on a corner plot with views towards Cannock Chase to rear. The property benefits from refitted bathrooms, large reception rooms, plentiful parking to front and landscaped rear garden, viewing essential

Horseley Croft, Hawksyard

£239,995

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this immaculately presented detached home situated on the ever popular Hawksyard development. The property is offered with No Upward Chain and the accommodation comprises in brief: Hallway, Lounge, Superb Kitchen/ Dining Room, Utility, Guest WC, Four bedrooms, Master with En Suite, Further Bathroom, Landscaped gardens and Detached Garage



St Johns Drive, Hawksyard

£209,950

MUST  
BE  
VIEWED



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented and spacious detached family home situated on the ever popular Hawksyard development. Featuring gas central heating and double glazing the property should be viewed to appreciate the family sized accommodation on offer with three bedrooms,

Woodheyas Lawns, Etching

£159,950

NO  
CHAIN



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this semi detached bungalow situated in a popular location and offered with No Upward Chain. Viewing essential to appreciate the size and layout and all reasonable offers will be considered. Accommodation briefly comprises: Hallway, Kitchen, Lounge, Two bedrooms, Shower Room,

Chester Road, Rugeley

£142,000

STAR  
BUY



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this lovely two bedroom town house situated on the popular Birches development. Having an enviable location in a small row of properties with open aspect to front and side with No Upward Chain. Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase, viewing essential

Springfield Avenue, Rugeley

£99,995

NEW  
PRICE



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached property, located on a corner plot and being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility, Guest W.C and Lean Too. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Good sized Gardens and

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Delafield Way, Etching Hill

£169,950



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Finches Hill, Etching Hill

£169,950



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this refurbished three bedroom semi detached property in a popular location. The property is situated in a quiet cul de sac and is offered with No Upward Chain. Features include a refitted kitchen and bathroom, single garage and gardens to front and rear, viewing essential

Roseway, Rugeley

£169,950



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this spacious and well presented link detached family home. Situated in a quiet cul de sac the property comprises of three bedrooms, lounge, kitchen/ diner and bathroom with garage. Offered with No Upward Chain and all sensible offers will be considered for a quick sale

Antler Drive, Etching Hill

£249,950



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this large three/four bedroom detached family home situated in Etching Hill and offered with No Upward Chain. The extended property sits on a large plot with beautifully maintained rear garden and large frontage with garage. Internally the extended accommodation includes, hallway, lounge, dining room, study/

Birches Valley, Cannock Chase

£285,000



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this rare opportunity to acquire a three bedroom semi detached house in the heart of Cannock Chase-An area of outstanding natural beauty. The property must be viewed to appreciate the accommodation on offer which briefly comprises hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, utility room, three bedrooms and shower room, front and rear gardens and plentiful parking

Somerset Avenue, Rugeley

£186,950



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this spacious and well presented detached family home situated on a large impressive plot with private gardens and plentiful parking. Briefly comprising hallway, guest wc, lounge, kitchen/diner, study, three bedrooms and bathroom, viewing essential



Sheringham Drive, Etching

£175,000



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented detached home with No Upward Chain. Internal inspection is highly recommended and accommodation includes: Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, Conservatory, Three bedrooms and shower room, Front and Rear Gardens with driveway

Dyke Road, Armitage

£168,950



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached home, in the sought after village of Armitage. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway for parking and Gardens to front and rear.

Deerleap Way, Rugeley

£160,000



● JR Properties are pleased to market this four bedroom link detached family home, situated on a corner plot and close to local amenities. Having Porch, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen and Bedroom Four. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear.

Windsor Close, Rugeley

£240,000



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this exceptionally well presented detached family. The property benefits from gas central heating and double glazing and consists of entrance hallway, guest wc, lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen, three bedrooms (originally four), en suite with dressing room and main bathroom, gardens

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**WIMBLEBURY**  
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NO CHAIN  
Semi Detached House  
Lounge  
Kitchen  
Utility Room

2 Double Bedrooms  
Bathroom  
Gas Central Heating  
Enclosed Garden  
EPC Rating C

**£140,000**

**HEDNESFORD**  
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Bathroom

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Double Glazing  
Rear Garden  
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Allocated Parking  
Sold with Sitting Tenant  
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Kitchen  
2 Bedrooms  
Bathroom

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Double Glazing  
Rear Garden  
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Kitchen  
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Bathroom  
Gas Central Heating

Double Glazing  
Parking  
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WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD

INVESTMENT PURCHASE  
Lounge  
Protected Access  
1 Bedroom

Shower Room  
Double Glazing  
Parking  
EPC Rating C

**SSTC**

**CHESLYN HAY**  
LAPWING CLOSE

Semi Detached House  
Lounge  
Dining Room  
Extended Kitchen  
3 Bedrooms

Bathroom  
Gas Central Heating  
Double Glazing  
Rear Garden  
Parking  
EPC Rating C

**SSTC**

**WIMBLEBURY**  
HAMILTON CLOSE

First Floor Flat  
Lounge  
Kitchen  
1 Bedroom  
Bathroom  
Electric Heating

Double Glazing  
Spacious Loft  
Parking  
EPC Rating D

**SSTC**

**HEATH HAYES**  
HELIGAN PLACE

Terrace House  
Lounge  
Kitchen  
2 Bedrooms  
Bathroom  
Gas Central Heating

Double Glazing  
Rear Garden  
Parking  
EPC Rating C

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Kitchen  
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Lounge  
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3 Bedrooms  
Bathroom

Gas Central Heating  
Double Glazing  
Rear Garden  
Garage  
EPC Rating C

**£650 pcm & FEES - NO DSS**

**HEDNESFORD**  
STAGBOROUGH WAY

Semi Detached  
Bungalow  
Lounge  
Kitchen  
2 Bedrooms  
Bathroom

Gas Central Heating  
Double Glazing  
Front & Rear Garden  
Garage  
Driveway  
EPC Rating D

**£650 pcm & FEES - NO DSS**

**HUNTINGTON**  
REDWING DRIVE

Unfurnished  
Semi Detached  
House  
Lounge  
Kitchen  
3 Bedrooms  
Bathroom

Bathroom  
GCH & DG  
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Garden  
Conservatory  
EPC Rating D

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**BRIDGTOWN**  
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Bathroom

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Parking  
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Town House  
Lounge  
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3 Bedrooms  
New Bathroom  
Gas Central Heating

Double Glazing  
Garden  
Parking  
EPC Rating C

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**HEDNESFORD**  
GREENHEATH ROAD

Unfurnished  
Lounge  
Dining Room  
Kitchen  
3 Bedrooms  
Bathroom

Gas Central Heating  
Double Glazing  
Rear Garden  
Parking  
EPC Rating E

**£595 pcm & FEES - NO DSS**

**CANNOCK**  
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Lounge  
Kitchen  
2 Bedrooms  
Bathroom

Gas Central Heating  
Double Glazing  
Parking  
EPC Rating C

**£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS**

**HEATH HAYES**  
CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished  
First Floor Flat  
Lounge  
Kitchen  
2 Bedrooms  
Bathroom

Gas Central Heating  
Double Glazing  
Parking  
EPC Rating C

**£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS**

**CANNOCK**  
KENILWORTH COURT

Unfurnished  
First Floor Flat  
Lounge  
Kitchen  
1 Bedroom  
Bathroom

Electric Heating  
Double Glazing  
Parking  
EPC Rating D

**£450 pcm & FEES - NO DSS**

**PYE GREEN**  
PLANTATION ROAD

Unfurnished  
First Floor Flat  
Lounge  
Kitchen  
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Bathroom

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Rear Garden  
Parking  
EPC Rating C

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**HEDNESFORD**  
HERONDALE

Unfurnished  
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Shower Room

Heating  
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A 3 Bedroom Detached House

- UPVC Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Conservatory
- Utility Area
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Driveway for Parking

£625 PCM



**Fernwood Drive, Rugeley**

A Three Bedroom

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Family Bathroom
- Garage
- Gardens Front & Rear

£595 PCM



**Sheep Fair, Rugeley**

A 1 Bedroom 2nd Floor Flat

- Town Centre Location
- Lounge
- Kitchenette
- Bedroom with built in wardrobe
- Bathroom

£400 PCM



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- Bathroom
- 3 Bedrooms
- Enclosed Rear Garden

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£525,000



- A two bedroom detached bungalow
- Central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen, shower room
- Two bedrooms
- Good sized rear garden
- In need of modernisation
- Awaiting EPC rating

£149,950



- A spacious two bedroom semi detached
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining area
- Kitchen, two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Gardens front and rear
- Garage
- Driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

£154,950



- A two bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen and guest cloakroom
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Good sized rear garden
- EPC rating E

£139,950



- A three bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen/diner
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden
- Tandem garage
- Driveway
- EPC rating D

£209,950



- A two bedroom semi detached bungalow
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge/diner
- Refitted kitchen
- Refitted shower room
- Conservatory, carport
- Garden to rear and side
- Driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

£169,950



- Fully renovated three bed
- Two reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen with dining
- Utility/Guest WC
- Family bathroom
- En-suite Shower room
- Driveway, garage
- Awaiting EPC rating

£224,500



- A two bedroom semi detached house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen/diner
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garden to front
- Corner plot
- Enclosed rear garden
- Awaiting EPC rating

£124,950



- A traditional two bedroom property
- Lounge, dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Refitted first floor bathroom
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Garden to rear
- Viewing recommended
- Ideal first time buy
- EPC rating G

£129,950



- A spacious four bedroom
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen, dining room
- Utility, guest cloakroom
- Master with ensuite
- Shower room
- Garden to rear, driveway
- EPC rating C

£220,000 offers in excess of



- Spacious three bedroom detached
- Hallway, Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility room, cloakroom
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Awaiting EPC rating

£242,000



- One Bedroom
- Central heating
- Driveway, gated access
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Modern bathroom
- Awaiting EPC rating
- NO CHAIN

£124,995

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## Earlswood Way, Cannock

REDUCED



Offers Around £65,000

Second Floor Apartment  
Two Bedrooms  
Lounge

Kitchen  
60% Shared Ownership  
EPC C

## Cherry Close, Burntwood



Semi Detached Property  
Two Bedrooms  
Lounge  
Kitchen  
Off Road Parking  
EPC C

Offers Over  
£137,500

## Flat 6 Wolverhampton road

**SOLD**



Offers Over £70,000

Second Floor Apartment  
Two Double Bedrooms  
Lounge / Diner

Refurbished  
Sold With Tenant  
EPC E

## Wrights Avenue, Cannock

NEW



Offers Around £120,000

Semi Detached Property  
Two Bedrooms  
Kitchen / Diner

Bathroom  
Rear Garden  
EPC C

## Glenthorne Drive, Walsall



Semi Detached Property  
Four Bedrooms  
Lounge / Diner  
Garage  
Driveway  
EPC E

Offers Over  
£185,000

## Hilton Lane, Walsall

REDUCED



Offers Around £149,950

Semi Detached Property  
Two Bedrooms  
Lounge

Driveway  
NO CHAIN  
EPC D

## Westbourne Avenue, Cheslyn Hay

**SOLD**



Offers Around £160,000

Semi Detached Property  
Three Bedrooms  
Conservatory

Rear Garden  
Garage  
EPC E

## Lambourne Close, Great Wyrley

NEW



Semi Detached Property  
Four Bedrooms  
Lounge, Dining Room  
Conservatory  
Garage  
EPC D

Offers Around  
£240,000

## Far Lady Croft, Armitage



Offers Around £192,500

Town House Property  
Four Bedrooms  
Lounge / Diner

Fitted Kitchen  
Off Road Parking  
EPC B

## Station Road, Hednesford



Offers Around £235,000

Detached Property  
Four Bedrooms  
Lounge Area

Rear Garden  
NO CHAIN  
EPC E

## Saxon Road, Penkridge

NEW



Extended Link Detached  
Property  
Three Bedrooms  
Lounge  
Kitchen  
Garage  
EPC D

Offers Over  
£270,000

## Badger Close, Huntington



Offers Around £260,000

Detached Property  
Four Bedrooms  
Two Reception Rooms

Two Bathrooms  
Cul De Sac Location  
EPC C

## St Christopher Close, Hednesford

NEW



Offers Around £280,000

Detached Property  
Four Bedrooms  
Lounge, Dining Room

Conservatory, Utility Room  
Rear Garden  
Awaiting EPC

## Uttoxeter Road, Rugeley

NEW



Detached Property  
Four / Five Bedrooms  
Cinema / Games Room  
Bespoke Hot Tub Room  
Garage  
EPC B

Offers Around  
£475,000

## Wellington Drive, Cannock



Offers Over £365,000

Detached Property  
Four Double Bedrooms  
Two Reception Rooms

Garage  
NO CHAIN  
EPC D

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## Bursnips Road ESSINGTON



Lovingly restored five bedroom grade II listed detached cottage / Situated on approximately two acres of land / Retained many of its original features

Offers in the Region Of £875,000

## Hednesford Road RUGELEY



Deceptively spacious five/six bedroom detached house / Spacious five/six bedroom detached house / First floor annexe offering a further bedroom, lounge and kitchenette / Large rear garden /

£350,000

## Dartmouth Road CANNOCK



Immaculately presented four bedroom semi detached house / Contemporary design & high specification finish throughout / Stunning open plan ground floor layout / Driveway for three vehicles

£325,000

## Albany Drive WIMBLEBURY



Immaculately presented executive detached family home / Four double bedrooms / Set back & raised from the road on good sized plot down quiet cul-de-sac / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation

£315,000

## 2 Coach House Mews RUGELEY



Unique Grade II listed coach house / Winding driveway leading through open parkland / Allocated parking space with further space to front / Separate double garage / Communal rear courtyard

Offers in Excess of £300,000

## Wenlock View HEDNESFORD



Executive four bedroom detached family home / Set on small private development / Stunning open plan kitchen-diner / Spacious living room / High spec kitchen / En-suite plus guest WC

£290,000

## Slitting Mill Road ETCHING HILL



Immaculately presented five bedroom family home / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Set over three stories / Delightful rural area of Slitting Mill / Stunning views of the surrounding countryside

£260,000

## Bramwell Drive HEDNESFORD



Outstanding & immaculately presented four bedroom town house / Occupying a large corner plot / High spec finish throughout / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Two en-suites

Offers in Excess of £260,000

## Stephenson Way HEDNESFORD



Three bedroom detached house / Quiet cul-de-sac / Spacious lounge-diner / Good sized private rear garden / Garage and driveway for four cars

Offers in the Region Of £250,000

## Hill Street NORTON CANES



Immaculate three bedroom semi detached house / Set over floors / Situated in quiet cul-de-sac / Open plan kitchen diner / Stunning orangery to rear / Substantial first floor converted dormer

Offers in Excess of £250,000

## Station Road GREAT WYRLEY



Well presented three bedroom 1920's style property / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom suite / Well proportioned bedrooms / Good sized private rear garden

£250,000

## Lichfield Road CANNOCK



Very spacious four bedroom detached house / Open plan dining kitchen / Large open reception hall / Good sized private rear garden / Garage and driveway with ample parking

£240,000

## Old Fallow Road CANNOCK



Stunning four bedroom Victorian style character property / Lovingly restored and superbly maintained / Period features charm & character throughout / No onward chain / Driveway for 3 cars / 4 Double

Offers in Excess of £240,000

## Juniper Close HAZEL SLADE



Well presented three bedroom detached family home / Highly desirable semi rural area / Spacious lounge & open plan kitchen-diner / Charming good sized private rear garden / Integral garage

Offers in Excess of £220,000

## Streets Lane CHESLYN HAY



Well presented and superbly maintained four bedroom detached family home / Sought after location / Superb spacious open plan lounge-diner / Integral garage and driveway

Offers in Excess of £220,000

## Hill Street HEDNESFORD



Outstanding four/five semi detached house / Superb contemporary open plan layout on the ground floor / Potential ground floor annexe with wheelchair access / Large garden / Garage and drive

£210,000

## Walsall Road BRIDGTOWN



Spacious extended four bedroom detached house / Set on a large plot / Spacious reception rooms and bedrooms / Large private rear garden which is not overlooked,

Offers in Excess of £200,000

## Pendle Hill HEDNESFORD



Well presented semi detached three bedroom house / Set over three storeys / Spacious lounge and separate dining room / Private rear garden / Superb top floor master bedroom

Offers in Excess of £200,000

## Pye Green Road CANNOCK



Well presented three bedroom semi detached house / Superb contemporary open plan layout on the ground floor / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / Low maintenance private rear garden / Low

£199,950

## Elder Close HEATH HAYES



Well presented three bedroom detached house / Set on quiet cul-de-sac / Planning permission to extend full length to the side with storeys / Additional garage conversion / Spacious lounge & modern

£190,000

## Hednesford Road CANNOCK



Commercial premises with 900 Sq foot of floor space / Top floor three bedroom apartment / Currently used as beauty salon / Large rear garden

£180,000

## Hednesford Road HEATH HAYES



Extremely spacious three bedroom detached character property / Modern method of auction / Set on a large plot / Ideal for investors / Large rear garden stretching over 45 metres

£170,000

## Oakleigh Drive BRERETON



Well presented two bedroom semi detached house / Set within quiet cul-de-sac location / Far reaching views of the countryside / Superb contemporary split level layout / Good sized tiered private rear garden

£160,000

## Huntington Terrace Road CANNOCK



1930's style three semi detached house / Spacious lounge & dining room / Modern kitchen / Driveway / Good sized rear garden

Offers in Excess of £150,000

## Elder Close HEATH HAYES



Two bedroom semi detached house / Set back from the road at the end of a private driveway / Spacious lounge and modern fitted kitchen-diner / Driveway for two vehicles / Good sized rear garden

Offers in Excess of £130,000

## Church View BRERETON



Charming two bedroom terraced cottage / Spacious lounge / Large double bedroom plus a further good sized single / Private rear courtyard / Off road parking

£120,000

## Littleworth Road HEDNESFORD



Three bedroom character property / Situated in semi rural location / NO ONWARD CHAIN & VACANT POSSESSION / Two spacious reception rooms / Private rear garden & off road parking

£120,000

## Heath Way HEATH HAYES



Two bedroom first floor apartment / NO ONWARD CHAIN / New carpet and freshly decorated throughout / Allocated & visitor parking / New bathroom

£110,000

## Bettys Lane NORTON CANES



Well presented one bedroom first floor self contained maisonette / Ideal for first time buyers & investors / Superb open plan living area / Modern fitted kitchen, newly fitted bathroom / Double bedroom

Offers in Excess of £80,000

## Apple Walk HEATH HAYES



One bedroom ground floor apartment / Ideal for first time buyers and investors / Good sized open plan lounge-diner / Allocated parking plus visitor spaces

£70,000

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OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

- Detached Family Home
- Five Bedrooms & Study
- Two Bathrooms
- Open Plan Kitchen / Dining Room
- Living Room & Family Room
- No Upward Chain
- Utility / WC
- Very Desirable Road

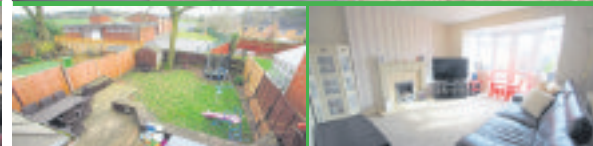
£430,000



LINGFIELD ROAD, NORTON CANES

- FIVE BEDROOMS
- TWO EN-SUITES, BATHROOM
- LOUNGE AND DINING ROOM
- BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- CORNER PLOT
- MASTER WITH DRESSING ROOM
- DOWNSTAIRS WC
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

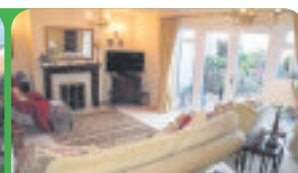
£285,000



BADGER CLOSE, HUNTINGTON

- THREE BED DETACHED HOUSE
- BATHROOM & DOWNSTAIRS WC
- LOUNGE AND DINING ROOM
- SOUTH FACING REAR GARDEN
- MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- LARGE MASTER BEDROOM WITH EN-SUITE
- ALL BEDROOMS WITH BUILT IN WARD-ROBES

£235,000



HATTON ROAD, CANNOCK

- DETACHED FAMILY HOME
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- OPENFIELD TO FRONT
- LOUNGE AND DINING ROOM
- DOWNSTAIRS WC
- VERY POPULAR LOCATION
- CLOSE TO CANNOCK CHASE
- CARPORT AND GARAGE

£249,950



- SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
- BACKING ONTO WOODLAND
- TWO REAR FACING BEDROOMS
- SPACIOUS LOUNGE/DINER
- SOME 'TLC' REQUIRED
- BREAKFAST KITCHEN

£160,000



- Modern Second Floor Flat
- Two Double Bedrooms
- 40% Shared Ownership
- Generous Accommodation
- Immaculately Presented
- Double Glazing

Offers Over £39,000



WALLACE CLOSE, NORTON CANES

- THREE BED DETACHED
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- DUAL ASPECT LOUNGE / DINER
- CONSERVATORY
- GARAGE & DRIVEWAY
- FITTED KITCHEN
- REFITTED BATHROOM
- CLOSE TO AMENITIES

£160,000



WALSALL ROAD, CANNOCK

- TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED
- LARGE REAR GARDEN
- SECURE OFF ROAD PARKING AT REAR
- TWO GOOD SIZE BEDROOMS
- OPEN PLAN KITCHEN / DINER
- FRONT FACING LOUNGE
- CLOSE TO CANNOCK TOWN

£140,000

WE HAVE SOLD SO MANY PROPERTIES...

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COPPICE COURT, WALSALL WOOD

- FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
- TWO BEDROOMS
- SECURE GATED PARKING
- OPEN PLAN LOUNGE / KITCHEN
- LANDSCAPED COMMUNAL GARDENS
- MODERN KITCHEN & BATHROOM SUITES
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING

£95,000



BURGOYNE STREET, CANNOCK

Rowan Road, Shoal Hill

**SOLD STC**  
Similar Properties Required

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Similar Properties Required



Purcell Close, Heath Hayes

Milton Road, Cannock

- Modern mid terrace town house
- Kitchen with some appliances
- Three bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Driveway & garden
- Available mid May 2018
- £675pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

- Semi detached property
- Spacious lounge
- Kitchen / Diner
- Three bedrooms
- Driveway and garden
- Available June 2018
- £650pcm Sorry no dss & no pets



- Corner plot - cul de sac location
- Kitchen/diner
- Spacious lounge
- Two double bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Ample parking on driveway
- £650pcm sorry no DSS & no pets



- Immaculately presented semi-detached property
- Two bedrooms
- Spacious lounge
- Double glazing and electric heating
- Fitted kitchen with cooker and hob
- Modern style bathroom
- £575 pcm strictly no pets, children or DSS



- First floor apartment
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Modern Style bathroom
- Double glazing & gas central heating
- Available June
- £485pcm Sorry no dss & no pets



- Ground floor apartment
- Lounge with feature fire
- Kitchen with some appliances
- Double bedroom
- Electric heating
- Parking available
- £425pcm Sorry no dss & no pets



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## LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD



- One Bed GFF
- Lounge
- Shower Room
- GCH/DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- Sorry No DSS/

£400 pcm

## NEW STREET, BRIDGTOWN



- Two Bed Semi
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Shower Room
- Rear Garden

£450 pcm

## KENILWORTH COURT, CANNOCK



- One Bed Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating, DG
- Energy Rating D

£450 pcm

## KNIGHTS COURT, NORTON CANES



- One Bed Flat
- Lounge
- GCH/DG
- Garden
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating C

£450 pcm

## WOOTONS COURT, CANNOCK



- One Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking

£450 pcm

## TOWER VIEW ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY



- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS OR

£470 pcm

## CECIL STREET, CANNOCK



- 2 Bed End Terrace
- Lounge/Dining room
- Bathroom/DG
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

£475 pcm

## HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOC



- Three Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- GCH & DG
- Energy Rating E

£550 pcm

## CHALFONT COURT, CANNOCK



- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Parking
- GCH & DG
- En-Suite
- NO DSS OR

£575 pcm

## ALLPORT STREET, CANNOCK



- Three Bed Mid
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Bathroom
- GCH, Garden
- Parking to Rear

£580 pcm

## BEVERLEY HILL, HEDNESFORD



- 2 Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Garden/Driveway
- EPC Rating E

£595 pcm

## PEREGRINE WAY, HEATH HAYES



- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Garage, Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS / PETS

£600 pcm

## PENKRIDGE COURT, CANNOCK



- Duplex Apartment
- Two Bed
- Kitchen/Diner
- En-Suite
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

£600 pcm

## REMBRANDT CLOSE, HEATH HAYES



- 2 Bed End Terrace
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH/DG
- Allocated Parking

£600 pcm

## BOND WAY, HEDNESFORD



- Two Bed Semi
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom, GCH
- DG, Gardens
- Driveway
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS/PETS

£600 pcm

## BOW STREET, RUGELEY



- Town Centre
- Three Bed Mid
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom, GCH & DG
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS OR

£600 pcm

## BEVERLEY HILL, HEDNESFORD



- Two Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Bathroom, GCH
- DG, Gardens
- Driveway
- Energy Rating E

£625 pcm

## LEES CLOSE, BRERETON



- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge/Diner
- DG/GCH
- Garage
- Gardens
- EPC Rating D
- No DSS/PETS

£625 pcm

## ROMAN COURT, WATLING STREET, CANNOCK



- CHASE INDEPENDENT are delighted to introduce a newly built development of nine modern

£625 pcm

## ROWAN ROAD, CANNOCK



- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Garage
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS/ PETS

£675 pcm

## OLD HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK



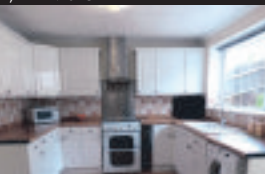
- A Fully Refurbished Detached Family Residence.
- Reception Hall, Guest WC, Lounge
- Impressive Kitchen/Diner, Utility

£349,950



- Spacious Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Four Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- Integral Garage, Detached Garage, Driveway, Front, Side & Rear Gardens

## LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD



- A Unique and Individual Detached Bungalow with Potential Annex
- Reception Hall, Spacious Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory
- Dining Room, Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom, Shower Room
- Additional Sitting Room, Detached Garage
- Ample Driveway and Delightful Gardens

£295,000

## ROWAN CLOSE, HUNTINGTON



- A Modern Extremely Well Presented Four Bedroom Detached Family Home.
- Reception Hall, Guest WC
- Family Lounge, Dining Room

£245,000



- Kitchen, Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite & Family Bathroom
- Garage, Driveway
- Landscaped Rear Garden

## LIMEPIT LANE, CANNOCK



- A Well Presented Five Bed Three Storey Semi Detached House
- Guest WC, lounge, Kitchen/Diner
- Master Bedroom with En-suite

£225,000



- Four Further Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom, Shower Room
- Carport & Driveway
- Rear Gardens



- Kitchen, Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite, Family Bathroom
- Two Parking Spaces
- Rear Garden

£189,950

## CHURCH ROAD, NORTON CANES



- Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Family Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Well Stocked Rear Garden With Open Views
- Driveway & Garage

£199,950

## WRENS CROFT, HEATH HAYES



- A Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Popular Residential Location Overlooking Nature Reserve
- Guest WC, Lounge, Dining Room

£189,950

## RAWNSLEY ROAD, HEDNESFORD



- Viewing Highly Recommended
- Reception Hall, Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Diner, Bathroom
- Conservatory, Two DOUBLE bedrooms
- Study, Rear Gardens
- Detached Garage & Ample Driveway

offers over £210,000

## GRATLEY CROFT, HUNTINGTON



- An Immaculately Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached House with Rear Views over Cannock Chase.
- Spacious Family Lounge

£165,000



- Re-Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Front & Beautiful Rear Gardens
- Carport & Ample Off Road Parking

## REMBRANDT CLOSE, HEATH HAYES



- A Well Presented Two Bedroom Mid Terrace House
- Hallway, Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Allocated Parking

£130,000

## CLARION WAY, CANNOCK



- Two double bedrooms
- Spacious lounge/diner
- Side entry
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Front and rear generous gardens

£120,000

## UNION STREET, BRIDGTOWN



- Well presented ground floor apartment
- Lounge/Diner, 2 Double bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
- En-suite & Bathroom
- Off road parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£99,950

## VAN GOGH CLOSE, HEATH HAYES



- A One Bed First Floor Maisonette situated in a Popular Residential Location
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Double Bedroom with Built in Wardrobes
- Bathroom
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces
- Communal Gardens

£84,950

## VINE COURT, CANNOCK



- Third floor retirement apartment
- Wide range of facilities within the complex
- Security intercom, Lift access
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms and wet room
- 24 hour care on hand
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£75,000 SHARED OWNERSHIP



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Plot 2, 3 & 8 Bramwell Drive, Hednesford, WS12 4GG  
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Plot 2 - The Helmsley - Well equipped 4 bedroom terraced property, briefly comprising: Ground Floor: Reception hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen. First Floor: Landing, bedroom one, ensuite shower room, two further bedrooms, bathroom. Second Floor: Landing, master bedroom, ensuite shower room & dressing room. Outside: Garage and gardens. 132m² PRICE: £234,950



Plot 3 - The Whitby - Well equipped 4 bedroom terraced property, briefly comprising: Ground Floor: Reception hall, cloakroom, lounge, breakfast kitchen. First Floor: Landing, three bedrooms. Second Floor: Landing, master bedroom, ensuite shower room & dressing room. Outside: Integral garage, storage cupboard and garden. 121m² PRICE: £219,950



Plot 8 - The Coach House - Well equipped Coach House briefly comprising: Ground Floor: Entrance lobby with stairs to: First Floor: Lounge/kitchen area, inner hall, bedroom one, dressing room, bedroom two, bathroom. Outside: Integral garage, storage cupboard and garden. 59m² PRICE: £149,950

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### 9 STATION ROAD, PELSALL

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**£310,000**

A PRESTIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED FOUR BEDROOMED HOUSE Conveniently Located For Facilities at Pelsall Village Centre

- ◆ Two reception rooms ◆ Garage and landscaped gardens
- ◆ Luxury fitted kitchen ◆ Fully double glazed floor study ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Four bedrooms ◆ Family bathroom and heating
- ◆ Two ensuites ◆ Intruder alarm ◆ EPC rating B (83)

### 13 CAVERSHAM MEWS, CANNOCK



EXTREMELY WELL PRESENTED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located in Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Reception hall & cloakroom ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Lounge ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Dining kitchen ◆ Detached double garage & gardens
- ◆ Three bedrooms ◆ EPC rating C (79)
- ◆ Ensuite shower room ◆ EPC rating C (79)

**£215,000 FREEHOLD**

### 5 SCHOOL PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE, ST19 5RW

**TO LET**



WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION Situated in the Picturesque Rural Estate of Teddesley Park

- ◆ Fitted kitchen ◆ Oil fired central heating
  - ◆ Lounge ◆ Communal grounds and parking
  - ◆ Inner hall ◆ Fully double glazed
  - ◆ Lounge ◆ Two bedrooms ◆ Bathrooms ◆ EPC rating C (69)
- £650.00 pcm**

### 3 SMITHY PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE, ST19 5RJ

**TO LET**



WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION Situated on the Rural Estate of Teddesley Park

- ◆ Fitted dining kitchen ◆ Oil fired central heating
  - ◆ Lounge ◆ Communal grounds
  - ◆ Inner hall ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers, DSS or children
  - ◆ Fully double glazed ◆ EPC TBC
  - ◆ Two double bedrooms ◆ Family bathroom ◆ EPC rating C (69)
- £625.00 pcm**

### 70 CHURCH ROAD, SHARESHILL



WELL PRESENTED SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE located in a Prominent Position in the Sought After Village of Shareskill

- ◆ Breakfast kitchen ◆ Sought after village location
- ◆ Lounge & dining room ◆ Easy access to motorway links
- ◆ Four bedrooms ◆ Gas centrally heated
- ◆ Refitted bathroom ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Carport and garage with rear utility ◆ EPC rating C (69)

**£269,950**

### 106 HEATH STREET, HEDNESFORD



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# New 'ultimate' road car – the Lotus Exige Sport 410

Lotus has announced yet another new addition to its Exige range – the Exige Sport 410, which slots between the Sport 350 and Cup 430 in the British brand's model line-up.

The Sport 410 has been developed from the track-focused Cup 430, Lotus says, giving it 'unrivalled' driving dynamics and a degree of motorsport prowess courtesy of true downforce – up to 150kg – and low weight.

### Supercharged

Lotus says this is the lightest V6 model ever. Weighing in at just 1,054kg, the Exige Sport 410 has a power-to-weight ratio of 389bhp per tonne – higher than a McLaren 570S.

Power comes courtesy of Lotus' 3.5-litre supercharged V6 engine, which in this form develops 410bhp and 420Nm of torque.

Top speed is a reported 180mph, and 0-60mph is despatched in just 3.3 seconds.

The Sport 410 gains the track-focused chassis from the Cup 430, but with the adjustable dampers tuned for a road bias. On request, Lotus can tune the entire chassis to customer taste, including adjustable compression and Eibach front and rear anti-roll bars.

An impressive 150kg of downforce is provided by a revised aerodynamic



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configuration including carbon side pods and rear wing plus a front splitter to reduce turbulence around the front wheels.

The cabin receives Lotus' now-trademark open-gate manual gearbox plus carbon-fibre sports seats trimmed in Alcantara and leather. The truly hardcore can specify track-ready touches, such as airbag-deletion from the steering

wheel, four-point racing harnesses, a roll cage and inbuilt fire extinguisher.

The Lotus Exclusive programme allows buyers to customise their cars, tailoring the character of their Lotus precisely to their taste.

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# Škoda to the four! Quartet of awards

By Sharon Walters

Škoda has once again proved itself to be the brand to beat by dominating the 2018 DieselCar and EcoCar Top 50. The Czech brand was named as class winner in no fewer than four key categories and topped more sectors than any other manufacturer in the influential annual chart.

Now in its third year, the DieselCar and EcoCar Top 50 is widely regarded as a definitive guide to the best cars on the market. The chart is compiled from data and feedback from a team of writers who have tested more than 175 cars during the past year. All have been road tested in the UK, and judged against the expectations and demands of their target market.

The Kodiaq added to its incredible list of industry titles by topping the Large SUV category – eclipsing some of the biggest names in the sector in the process. Explaining the Kodiaq's appeal, Ian Robertson, editor and publisher DieselCar & EcoCar Magazine said: "Despite undercutting key rivals, the big Škoda offers more performance and practicality at a lower price and with smaller running costs. This five and seven-seater drives brilliantly, comes with the option of advanced four-wheel drive to keep you going and is filled to the roof rails with clever features like pop-out door protectors."

Not to be outdone, the Superb grabbed two awards: Best Large Car and Best Large Estate. As with the Kodiaq, the judging panel loved the Superb's value and practicality. "The pricing of this limousine-like model defies belief, with so much room in the back you might feel tempted to change your wardrobe



Octavia was named the Best Medium Estate



Superb grabbed Best Large Car and Best Large Estate



The Kodiaq topped the Large SUV category – eclipsing some of the biggest names in the process

and don a smart black suit," said Ian. "Its size, torquey engines and smooth manual or automatic gearboxes make the Superb a superlative tow car, and it's in its element on the motorway. If you aren't an SUV enthusiast, the Superb is a great antidote and yet still hugely spacious."

Completing a remarkable haul for Škoda,

the Octavia was named Best Medium Estate, marking a lock-out of the large Estate market for the brand. Substantially updated last year, the Octavia wowed the judges with its strength in depth. Explaining why it took top honours Ian Robertson said: "Making up around a third of Škoda sales, the Octavia is a critical model for the Czech brand, so it's a

good job the latest update has been such a success. The estate has a class-leading boot and the vRS performance version is powerful and grippy without attracting any unwanted attention. No wonder Octavia owners are so happy."

Thanks to the new Karoq's 17th place finish, no fewer than five Škoda models featured in

the Top 50 – a remarkable achievement and testament to the value for money delivered by the brand's efficient diesel models.

These latest Diesel Car and EcoCar awards add to a vast collection of silverware already accumulated by the Kodiaq, Superb and Octavia. The former has taken more than 10 top industry titles since its launch last March.

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# What a lot you get and fun to drive

By Carmel Stewart

One of the most notable aspects of the multi award-winning Peugeot 3008 GT is that you get an awful lot of everything for your money – kit, technology, space and, with the right set-up, fun.

The GT model is positioned as the top-of-the-range 3008 SUV range for good reason. It is powered by a 2.0litre turbo diesel BlueHDi 180ps engine with stop/start. Linked to the PSA EAT – Efficient Automatic (six-speed) Transmission, it travels from 0 to 62mph in a tad under nine seconds which is not world beating but feels a whole lot faster. Top speed is 131mph which is speedy enough for most of us. Those with a delicate right foot can expect an average 58.9mpg and 124g/km CO2 emissions.

Peugeot has also added a few visual pointers for the seriously observant – integrated wheel arch protective extensions, 19-inch, two-tone diamond-cut alloys, double chrome exhaust pipes and GT badging on the outside plus soft leather interior with copper double-stitch trim detail, driver seat multipoint massage function (blissfully including shoulders), electric adjustment and memory as standard on the classy inside.

Peugeot's brilliant panoramic opening glass roof with electric interior blind and blue ambient lighting is also included in the £34,210 price as are rear parking sensors, adaptive cruise control, foot operated smart electric boot opening, heated front seats and that all-important Apple CarPlay and Android Auto compatibility.

As with all 3008s, the GT includes Peugeot's new i-Cockpit which houses pretty well all



On the road, the GT is smooth to drive

the 21st Century technology you are likely to need – and then some. It includes a digital instrument panel which the driver can personalise to show as much or as little info as required and an eight-inch touch screen with an excellent 3D sat nav.

Neat little toggles set below the central console make for easy access short cuts to on-screen information.

The driver is offered every comfort known to man (or woman) – a high driving position, excellent all-round visibility and an eight-way electrically adjustable heated seat with massage function. The sporty flat-bottomed/topped leather GT logoed steering wheel and blue ambient lighting add a touch of class, should one be needed.



Peugeot's brilliant panoramic opening glass roof with electric interior blind and blue ambient lighting

On the road, the GT is as smooth to drive as it is to look at. Sharp steering coupled with neat and tidy handling make for a very relaxed, enjoyable driving experience which even those big wheels can't ruffle.

The centrally positioned dial allows for an easy drive mode selection – normal, snow, mud, sand and ESP off – and this in a car

which, while having the appearance of a 4x4, is in fact 2WD.

What it does have is Peugeot's excellent intelligent grip control together with hill descent to complement the settings.

The Sport selector adjusts the steering parameters and gearing ratios but, for me on long motorway runs, it did not really add

much to the relaxed, composed, thoroughly enjoyable driving experience.

Those who like to keep fit should consider the electric bike option. The e F01 costs £1,700 plus £400 for the charge docking station.

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The new Fiesta ST accelerates from 0-62mph in 6.5sec

# New Ford Fiesta ST available to order for less than £19,000

By James Parker

The new Ford Fiesta ST is available to order now, with prices starting from less than £19,000 and the first deliveries arriving in the summer.

The highly-anticipated hot hatch will cost from £18,995 in ST-1 trim, which features selectable drive modes – new to ST – as well as a flat-bottomed steering wheel, Recaro seats and ST sports suspension as standard. All Fiesta ST models are also equipped with electric, heated door mirrors, Ford's SYNC3 DAB radio with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto capability, cruise control, and NCAP Pack, which includes Lane-Keeping Alert and speed limiter.

The ST-2, which starts from £19,995 in three-door guise and £20,645 for the five-door, adds climate control, heated Recaro front seats and blue seatbelts, B&O PLAY premium sound system and Ford SYNC3 DAB radio with a larger eight-inch touchscreen as standard.

ST-3 gains 18in alloy wheels and red brake calipers, £350 and £75 options, respectively, on ST-2 models, satellite navigation, automatic rain-sensing wipers, auto-dimming rear view mirror and driver assistance



All models are also fitted with specially-developed Michelin Pilot Super Sport tyres

features including Traffic Sign Recognition, auto high beam and driver alert. The three-door ST-3 is priced from £21,495 while the five-door model starts from £22,145.

The new Fiesta ST is available with a new Performance Pack, which includes a Quaife limited slip differential, launch control and performance shift lights.

The Performance Pack is an £850 optional extra for ST-2 and ST-3 trims. All Fiesta ST models are also fitted with specially-developed Michelin Pilot Super Sport tyres, available for both 17in and 18in alloy wheels.

Other optional extras include full LED headlamps (£600), available on ST-2 and ST-3 models, and Blind Spot Information System (BLIS) with Cross Traffic Alert (£475), available across the Fiesta ST range.

Powered by an all-new, three-cylinder, 1.5-litre EcoBoost engine, new Fiesta ST accelerates from 0-62mph in 6.5sec, and has a top speed of 144mph.

New cylinder deactivation technology – a world first for a three cylinder – further improves fuel efficiency by automatically stopping fuel delivery and valve operation for one of the cylinders, helping the new Fiesta ST to return a combined fuel economy of 47.1mpg, and CO2 emissions of 136g/km. This technology can disengage and re-engage 20 times faster than the blink of an eye, delivering full performance of 200PS and 290nm of torque, on demand.

Fiesta ST will be the first to feature selectable Drive Modes – enabling engine, steering and stability controls to be configured to Normal, Sport and Track settings for an optimised fun-to-drive experience in all driving conditions.

Drive Modes will also adjust the Fiesta ST's Electronic Sound Enhancement (ESE) technology and active exhaust noise control valve, which amplifies the sound of the engine note.

Fiesta ST will be available in Race Red, Frozen White, Magnetic, Moon dust Silver, Shadow Black, Silver Fox, new to Fiesta ST, and Performance Blue – a colour unique to ST models.

The new Fiesta ST achieved the maximum five-star rating in the latest Euro NCAP testing.

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# Land Cruiser offers a welcome dose of old-school brute force

By Tom Wiltshire

The story of the Toyota Land Cruiser is one that's almost as old as Land Rover. Production began in 1951 and since then it's gained a worldwide reputation for strength, solidity and off-road capability.

The latest model was introduced in 2009, but a range of updates has kept it feeling relatively fresh. It's also packed with tech, but none detracts from the overall feeling of old-fashioned brawn. 2018 has seen a rather large update, aimed at keeping the Land Cruiser in step with rivals such as the Land Rover Discovery. A new workhorse 'Utility' model has been introduced, but we're driving top-spec 'Invincible' trim.

The 2.8-litre diesel engine gets a smaller turbocharger along with AdBlue to reduce emissions, and the interior's been tidied up to accommodate a large central touchscreen and comprehensive off-road controls.

The UK market receives only a single engine – a 2.8-litre four-cylinder turbodiesel. The large capacity and low cylinder count naturally means it's less smooth than a Land Rover 3.0-litre V6, and it's down on power too with just 174bhp compared to 255bhp. However, with almost 450Nm of torque, pulling power is ample, and the Land Cruiser feels like it could cope not just with its 2.4-tonne weight, but the 3-tonne trailer it's permitted to tow.

Utility models are offered with a manual transmission, but most buyers will be using a six-speed automatic. It's relatively smooth, but coping with the car's bulk means it has a tendency to downchange at a moment's notice



There's a certain brutish charm about the Land Cruiser – even on the motorway. Refinement is an issue from cold, but at a cruise it settles down to a muted thrum which isn't too unpleasant.

The Land Cruiser is enormous, heavy, slow and ponderous – but buyers won't care too much about that. Crucially, with an automatic gearbox and great visibility, it's very easy to drive for a car of its size, more so than the Discovery with its bustling rear. Our 'Invincible' trim offered up six adjustable driving modes.

The ride isn't as sophisticated as most rivals due to the separate chassis construction, but the trade-off is off-road ability the equal of anything on the market. Put simply, the Land Cruiser's reputation is well deserved – these cars are unstoppable and faultlessly reliable.

There's a certain brutish charm about the Land Cruiser, but it's unlikely to win any beauty contests any time soon. Our model was painted in a rather lovely deep metallic blue shade, while the upright and imposing grille plus sharp LED headlights class things up a bit. Climb up into the Land Cruiser's cavernous interior and you're faced with plenty of switches to press. The high-mounted infotainment screen allows for a selection of bulky off-road dials and buttons – all sensibly-sized for use while traversing rough terrain.

Material quality is rugged rather than plush, but it all feels hard-wearing, and build quality is rock solid. There's also plenty of room for five, though the electrically-operated seats six and seven are far better suited to children than adults. Toyota's Touch 2 Pro infotainment system is easy to use, too. Our Invincible grade car came in at over £50,000, which may be tough to stomach given the lack of on-road manners. But look at the car against its main rivals and it begins to look more attractive.

Electrically-operated front seats feature both heating and ventilation, and off-road goodies are all standard.

The Land Cruiser is truly an institution, and current owners won't need any encouragement to soldier on with the brand. They're unstoppable due to amazing off-road ability and dependability.

Attracting new buyers into a Land Cruiser is a tougher job. It's impossible to deny that most modern SUVs are better on the road, have better interiors, and look rather less workhorse. Your suitability to a Land Cruiser comes down to your needs – and if it suits your lifestyle, you won't be disappointed with this old-school bruiser. Base price: £33,435



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May 15, 1953 - July 28, 2016.

Birthday wishes to a special  
 Wife.

I tend your grave with loving  
 care, I always put flowers  
 there, the ones that love you  
 Rose will never forget you're  
 one of the best.

I'm proud to call you my  
 Wife.

God bless you Darling.  
 You're so missed.

Loving Husband Les.  
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#### GROOM

Eric

Seventy-four on May 20.

First birthday away from  
 home.

We cannot send you birthday  
 cards up to Heaven above, so  
 we spread your ashes in the  
 place you so dearly loved.

Loved and missed by Wife  
 Christine, Daughters Jackie  
 and Tammie, Grandchildren  
 Simone, Brad, Lukas and  
 Kealey.  
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### Birthday Remembrances

#### PUGH

John

May 15

Another Birthday we cannot  
 share, but in our hearts and  
 thoughts you will always be  
 there.

God bless you my love.

Pam, Caroline, Emily and  
 Jack.  
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### Acknowledgements

#### COMMINS

Paul Leslie Johnathan

June, Les and Family at  
 Brookfields, Cannock Road,  
 Shareshill would like to thank  
 everyone who attended Paul's  
 farewell. Thank you to  
 Reverend Gennie Evans of St  
 Gregory's Church and also a  
 really big thank you to  
 O'Malley Family Funerals,  
 Cannock for the beautiful,  
 caring and personal farewell  
 they gave to Paul.  
 God bless and thank you all.

Thank You

MOUNTFORD

Joan

Frank would like to thank  
 everyone for attending Joan's  
 funeral.

Special thanks to Rugeley  
 Co-operative Funeralcare,  
 Father David Evans, Glenis  
 and Chris at The Mansfield  
 for their excellent buffet.

Frank would also like to  
 thank Dr Stokes at Sandy  
 Lane Surgery and the Carers  
 at CSPC Health Care

Thank You

SLEIGH

Graham

Graham's Family would like  
 to thank everyone for their  
 support and kindness and for  
 joining them at Salem  
 Methodist Church on May 3,  
 for the Funeral Service to  
 Celebrate his Life.

Thanks also to A. J. Sellman  
 for their care and professional-  
 ism throughout the day and  
 in making all arrangements  
 beforehand.

The donations raised £110 for  
 Cancer Research UK and all  
 contributions are very much  
 appreciated.

### Deaths

#### ADDISON

Victor Reginald

Passed away peacefully on  
 Tuesday, May 1, 2018, aged  
 99 years.

Victor was much loved and  
 will be missed dearly by all of  
 his Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will be  
 held on Friday, May 18, 2018.

The Service will now take  
 place at St Luke's Church,  
 Cannock, at 2pm, followed by  
 a Burial at St Saviour's  
 Church, Hatherton.

Family flowers only please.

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#### ADDISON

Victor Reginald

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 Great-Grandad,  
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 Aged 99 years.

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 beautiful than the memories  
 we have of you, to us they're  
 very special to cherish  
 forever because they are of  
 you.

Always in our hearts.

Kathleen, Tracy and Steve,  
 Paula and Leon, David and  
 Lisa, Dean, Daniel and Claire,  
 Kirsty and Paddy, Matthew  
 and Olivia, Ellie and Jacob.  
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#### BUCK

Bernard William

Passed away peacefully on  
 Tuesday, April 24, 2018, aged  
 85 years.

Bernard was much loved and  
 will be missed by all the  
 Children, Grandchildren,  
 Great-Grandchildren and all  
 Family and Friends.

All are welcome to attend the  
 Funeral Service to be held at  
 St. Luke's Church, Cannock,  
 WS11 1DE, on Friday, May 18,  
 2018, at 11.30am, followed by  
 Committal at Stafford  
 Crematorium at 1 pm.

All are welcome to celebrate  
 Bernard's life, for refresh-  
 ments and a finger buffet, at  
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Funeral Service will take  
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No flowers by request.

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#### JONES

Brian

Of Rowley Close, Hednes-  
 ford.

Passed away peacefully, after  
 a long battle with cancer on  
 May 5, 2018, aged 70 years.

Will be greatly missed by Wife  
 Margaret and Daughters  
 Leighann and Natalie.

Funeral Service will take  
 place at Chads Moor  
 Methodist Church, on  
 Wednesday, May 23, at  
 12.45pm, followed by Crema-  
 tion at Stafford Crematorium.

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Donations if desired to The  
 Chemotherapy Unit at  
 Stafford Hospital.

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#### JONES

Ray

Former Licensee of Longford  
 Road, Cannock.

Passed away May 8, 2018, aged  
 88 years.

Will be sadly missed by all  
 Family and Friends.

Funeral Service will take  
 place at Stafford Cremato-  
 rium, on Monday, May 21, at  
 11am.

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Donations if desired to St.  
 Giles Hospice.

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#### LEES

Jenny

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 Tuesday, May 1, 2018, aged  
 71 years.

Jenny was much loved and  
 will be missed dearly by all of  
 her Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will take  
 place on Monday, May 21, 2018  
 at St John's Church, Heath  
 Hayes, at 10am, followed by a  
 Committal at Stafford  
 Crematorium.

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Donations, if so desired for St  
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#### MCGRATH

Kathleen

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 Tuesday, May 8, 2018, aged 78  
 years.

Kathleen was much loved and  
 will be missed dearly by all of  
 her Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will take  
 place on Friday, May 25, 2018  
 at St Mary's RC Church,  
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 by a Committal at  
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#### McGUCKIN

Nicholas

(Nick)

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 93 years.

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 -Grandchildren.

A fabulous Father, Grandfather and Great  
 -Grandfather.

Requiem Mass to take place at  
 St Josephs Church, Rugeley  
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## Deaths

### SMART

Carol Ann

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### SMITH

Marjorie Elizabeth

Formerly of St. Peter's School, Churchill, Hednesford.

Passed away at County Hospital, on April 21, 2018.

Funeral Service on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at Stafford Crematorium, 3pm.

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### SMITH

Marjorie Elizabeth

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Carrie

(Wife Of The Late Norman Summers)

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Beloved Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother who will be sadly missed by all her Family and many Friends.

The Funeral Service will be held at St. Luke's Church, Cannock on Friday, May 25, at 2pm followed by Committal at Stafford Crematorium at 3pm.

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Donations if so desired for St Giles Hospice or Air Ambulance.

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## WEST

Betty

Of Hednesford.

Passed away peacefully May 10, 2018, aged 87 years.

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**NOTICE OF MAKING AN ORDER**  
**PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT AND DEFINITIVE MAP & STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER**  
**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**  
**WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**  
**(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 22(B), NO. 23(B) AND NO. 1R/2231 GREAT WYRLEY PARISH)**  
**PUBLIC FOOTPATH EXTINGUISHMENT AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2018**

The above Order, made on 19 April 2018 under Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980 and Section 53A(2) of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, will extinguish the full length of Public Footpath No 1R/2231 Great Wyrley Parish running from grid reference 398815 307162 in a generally north-easterly direction for approximately 185 metres to its junction with Public Footpath No 23(b) Great Wyrley Parish at grid reference 398916 307316; also, that length of Public Footpath No 22(b) Great Wyrley Parish running from its junction with Public Footpath No. 1R/2231 Great Wyrley Parish at grid reference 398889 307289 in a generally south easterly direction for approximately 23 metres to grid reference 398893 307266; also, that length of Public Footpath No 23(b) Great Wyrley Parish running from its junction with Public Footpath No 1R/2231 Great Wyrley Parish at grid reference 398916 307316 in a generally north easterly direction for approximately 28 metres to grid reference 398932 307339 and will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for Staffordshire accordingly.

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**John Tradewell, Director of Strategy, Governance & Change**  
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Dated: 17 May 2018

## Public Notices

## THE COUNCIL IS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING PROPOSALS

**Case Officer – Claire Faulkner**

**Location: 36, Church Street, Rugeley, WS15 2AH**  
**CH/18/0164 – Application for conservation area consent for the demolition of bungalow**

**Case Officer – Claire Faulkner**

**Location: Queens Court, 28, Wolverhampton Road, CANNOCK, WS11 1AH**

**CH/18/167 – Development of 25 Apartments (outline application including reserved matters access, appearance, layout and scale)**

**Case Officer – Audrey Lewis**

**Location: The Stonehouse, Penkridge bank Road, Rugeley WS15 2UE**

**CH/18/132 – Application for Listed Building Consent: Alterations to coal chute and proposed walk on roof light to provide illumination to basement – Amended Plan**

All applications may be inspected electronically at the Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock.

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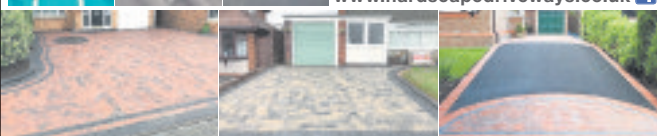
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## Evening with World Cup hero Sir Geoff

AN evening with England World Cup football legend Sir Geoff Hurst is due to take place at Molineux. Scorer of that famous hat-trick in the 1966 final, Sir Geoff, now aged 76, will be on stage on October 25.

Sir Geoff made his name with West Ham before moving on to Stoke and later Baggies towards the end of his career in this country. He scored 24 goals in 49 England appearances.

The evening starts at 6.30pm for VIP holders, and an hour later for those with standard tickets.

The admission includes a three-course meal and charity auction. As well as Sir Geoff, England 1966 World Cup winning goalkeeper Gordon Banks and Black Country comedian Jonny Cole will also appear.

It will be hosted by BBC WM's Daz Hale. Funds raised during the evening will support Help for Heroes.

For tickets or further information go to [cpceventsafety.com](http://cpceventsafety.com) and click on Upcoming Events.

## Former Monmore rider Francis dies

FORMER Wolverhampton and Cradley Heathens rider Cyril Francis has died. Born in Newport, Gwent, in 1935, Francis took up speedway at Bristol in 1960 but came to Monmore Green as Wolverhampton reopened in 1961.

He was a vital part of the Wolves team who won the Provincial League in 1963, scoring 147 points in 28 meetings in that memorable season.

He went to Newport in 1967, but had a short period back at Monmore Green in 1969. Francis retired in 1973 after spells with Cradley Heath, Ellesmere Port and Stoke.

In his seven seasons at Monmore Green, he scored 1,035 paid points in 180 meetings. He is one of just 25 riders to have scored more than 1,000 points for Wolverhampton.

Meanwhile, Jacob Thorssell made the semi-final in the Premiership Riders Championship meeting at Wimborne Road, which was won by Jason Doyle.

## Woffy is set to end his GB team exile

TAI WOFFINDEN, Great Britain's double world champion, is to make himself available for a sensational return for his national side in this summer's Monster Energy FIM Speedway of Nations.

Woffinden sat out last year's World Cup campaign but has moved to end his exile after being overwhelmed with the level of support he received when meeting fans at stage shows in Halifax and Berwick in February, as well as holding talks with officials.

"When I did three shows in Berwick and Halifax the fans were asked to put their hands up if they wanted to see me ride for GB again," he said. "And when I saw every single person put their hand up I couldn't believe it, it was really cool to see and it got me thinking."

"I don't want my British fans to think I have ever forgotten about them, but I needed to take some time out and having the year out has obviously worked as changes are being made, the type of things I have been pushing for over the last five years."

# Golden promotion – and glory in 1988

## SPORTING FEATURE

By Joseph Masi

**"For us, it was the highlight of the season to be able to celebrate in front of our own fans."**



Holding trophy aloft – Ally Robertson



Boss Graham Turner

THEY have swept aside all their rivals to clinch an historic return to the Premier League.

But 30 years ago, Wolves were celebrating a different promotion – and one that played a huge part in shaping the club we know today.

It was back on May 2, 1988, that a 2-0 win over Hartlepool saw the Molineux men clinch the Fourth Division Championship.

Having failed to win promotion the previous year, the pressure was on Graham Turner's side to lift the club from the doldrums. And they managed to achieve their goal with a game to spare by securing victory over the monkey hangers.

In front of 17,895 fans at Molineux – the biggest gate of the season, two goals from Steve Bull clinched the title. But Wolves kept their fans waiting with the second of the striker's goals arriving two minutes into stoppage time.

### Thriller

Overall, the game hadn't been a thriller. Keeper Mark Kendall was knocked unconscious after colliding with the post three minutes from time. That saw defender Floyd Streete see out the match in goal.

But otherwise, the two Bull goals were the only moments of quality.

That didn't bother Turner though who was just happy to get over the line.

"Anybody who turned up expecting to see a good game would have been disappointed," he said.

"But anyone who turned up to witness the celebration of the Wolves revival will have thoroughly enjoyed it."

"For us, it was the highlight of the season to be able to celebrate in front of our own fans."

"Neither the game nor performance were important, but the result certainly was."

A Wolves revival it certainly was. Just three weeks later, Wolves were celebrating again when they won the Sherpa Van Trophy.

Then the following year they clinched a second successive promotion by beating Sheffield United to the Division Three title.



Celebrating – Floyd Streete with Mark Kendall

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## Coni Mae fights way to England call

A CANNOCK fighter will represent England after coming through a tough selection procedure.

Coni Mae Cartwright has been training with Ryu Shotokan Karate at their Nuffield Health base in Cannock for three and a half years and in that time has achieved nearly 40 medals, becoming national champion, British champion, international champion and winning aspiring athlete of the year at the Staffordshire Sport Awards at the age of 10.

But, to represent her country, she faced her toughest test yet. Coni Mae was testing skills against other karate athletes from across the country to be selected to represent the England youth team at the Finnish International Championships in Helsinki in August.

Coni Mae performed four stunning katas as well as working on team performances throughout the day. After a tough day lasting seven hours Coni Mae was selected to compete in both the individual and team sections for England – the only representative from the Midlands.

Sensei Mike Carr has now coached four people to England squads in the last six months. He said: "Coni Mae is an amazing talent and has really shown a lot of promise."

"She has won every single accolade she could so far. She is the English and British Champion, she has been recognised by the county for her achievements, won on an international stage and now has the opportunity to represent England. She has a very big future ahead of her."

## Cannock triumph by 3 wickets with 4 balls to spare

CANNOCK'S overseas player Faizan Khan added to the century he scored the week before with 61 more in a Birmingham League win over Coseley.

Khan hit six fours in a 75-ball innings and with Will Fleet's 47 not out Cannock won by three wickets with four balls to spare. Coseley made 210. Matt Robinson was the pick of the attack with 3-53.

C & R Hawks earned their first success of the season in Division Two with a workmanlike performance against Coventry & N.W. The Binley Road side were dismissed for 138. Omar Ali (48) and Lee Evans (45 not out) ensured there were no further alarms for Hawks after Valeed Butt was out in the first over.

Penkridge are one of four teams at the top of the table after a four-wicket win over co-leaders Wombourne at Pillaton. Wombourne skipper Dan Bassett (56) saw his side to 242 all out. The home side were helped by a third wicket stand of 70 between Atiq Chishti and Rana Hassan.

Ranvir Singh's 84 not out helped Wednesday to 217-7 against Rugeley. In reply, Rugeley were bowled out for 120.

## Benbow brace as Glassboys lift cup



Sam Oji and Luke Benbow battle for the ball

Hednesford Town 1 Stourbridge 2

STOURBRIDGE lifted the Birmingham Senior Cup in stoppage time – 50 years after they last tasted success in the competition – beating the Pitmen 2-1.

Striker Luke Benbow proved the difference, netting both goals for the Glassboys at St Andrew's.

Gary Hackett's side were on top for the majority of the first half and headed in at the break with a deserved lead. But the Pitmen improved

significantly after the interval and pulled level with a smart header from Charlie Gatt.

Rob Smith's side then pressed for a winner, but it was Benbow who had the final say with the forward scoring the goal to ensure Stourbridge won the cup for the first time since 1968.

Hednesford (4-1-4-1): Wren, Mendez-Jones, Campion, Bailey, Oji (Gatter 32), King (Fitzpatrick 67), Dwyer, Thorley, Glover, Lawrie, Fitzgibbon. Subs not used: Rea, Butlin, Veiga. Stourbridge (4-3-3): Gould, Hayden, Christophorou, McCone, Pierpoint, Tonks (Hague 60), Gallagher, Broadhurst, Benbow, Birch, Shearer (Westlake 65). Subs not used: Cooke, Hall, Hawk.

# REFEREE WILEY BACK IN BLACK

ALAN WILEY refereed plenty of big games during his stint with the whistle and has now agreed to come out of retirement to take on what could be his toughest test of all – officiating two teams of referees!

The Burntwood whistle-blower will be in charge of a charity match at the Birmingham FA County headquarters on Sunday, June 3.

The fixture has been organised by The Whistle Foundation – a group of four referees who have taken on the task of staging a match each year to raise funds for various charities.

This year's game is in memory of former referee Richard Eades, who died last year, with the proceeds going to Smile for Joel, a charity set up in honour of Saddlers fans Joel Richards, Adrian Evans and Patrick Evans who were killed in the Tunisia terror attack in 2015.

### Decided

Jamie Lunn, Ajay Sharma, Greg Rollason and Matt Bond are the fab four who got the ball rolling last year with a match at Wolves' training ground which helped raise £1,800 for St John Ambulance. "Ajay's stepdad Pete Smith was involved in a serious motorbike accident and we decided to do something last year to raise funds for St John," said Lunn.

"The day went really well so we have decided to make this an annual event."

Wiley will have first-class help on hand with Football League officials Craig Taylor and Joe Clark running the line, while the position of fourth official is up for grabs.

"We are auctioning off the role of fourth official," Lunn said. "People can bid for it online. It will be a great experience for someone."

The football match (kick-off 2pm) is the main attraction on an action-packed day that starts with a junior football tournament.

For the chance to be fourth official, submit a bid to thewhistlefoundation@gmail.com

## On the ball for internationals



The ball boys before one of their games at Walsall's Banks's Stadium

TWELVE pupils from Penkridge Middle School along with two friends from Cannock Chase High School have enjoyed the thrill of being international ball boys and flag bearers.

The lads undertook the duties for two games in the European under-17s championships at Walsall's Banks's Stadium.

Friday's match between Portugal and Norway ended in a goalless draw. For the second

game, on bank holiday Monday, the boys had the privilege to see England play, beating Italy 2-1 in front of a crowd of more than 7,000.

After the game the children met some of the players and obtained their autographs and received a commemorative T-shirt and wristband from UEFA as well as gifts from the FA.

A spokesman for Penkridge Middle School said: "This has been a fantastic experience."

## Twins out of luck in latest race

THE Wigley twins endured another 'disastrous' meeting of the British Supersport series as both brothers crashed out during round three.

Kurt, 22, from Hednesford, said: "Practice and qualifying had gone quite well but when it came to the race we were still losing a lot of speed and time around the corners so, again, I was trying to make up time by braking late."

"I'm still not sure what happened but the bike just went from underneath me. It didn't even seem that bad."

"I hadn't realised when the bike landed on me it had damaged my ankle but as the evening arrived it was got a lot worse."

"I went out for practice the following day but couldn't change gears so I had to bring it in. I was so gutted – our luck has got to change soon."

His brother Matt had been progressing well until his bike hit electrical problems, which meant he was stuck in one gear and also forced him to retire, following his 22nd-placed finish in race one.

Fellow Sorrymate.com rider Josh Hiatt, 15, from Heath Hayes, was the only team member to make any real progress, securing an 18th and 13th-placed finish in the standard class of the British Motostar series.

Kurt added: "He had a positive weekend but it was frustrating for the rest of us."

The BSB series now heads to Snetterton, June 15-17.

## Time is right to sell – Pitmen chairman

HEDNESFORD Town have been put up for sale, chairman Steve Price has confirmed.

During an open meeting with members of the club's supporters' association, he said he was on the look-out for new investors to try and take the club forward. "I've been involved with Hednesford Town Football Club for 24 years now, and I feel that the time is now right for me to try and sell the club on to someone else," said Price.

"I'm not getting any younger, and I've always said that I wanted to make sure that the football club can continue to function."

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